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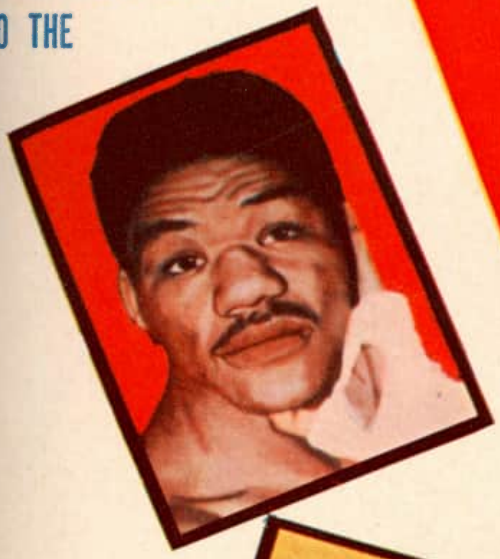

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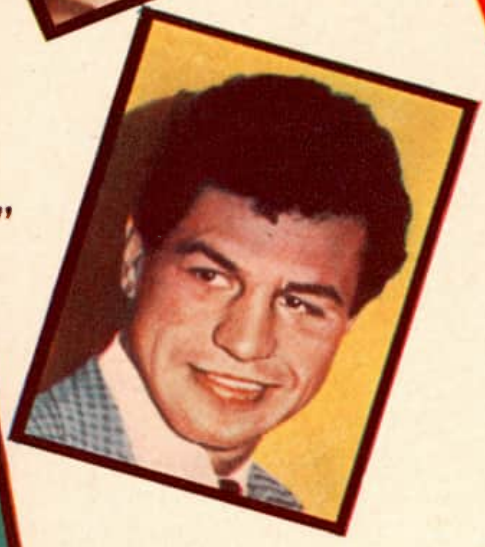

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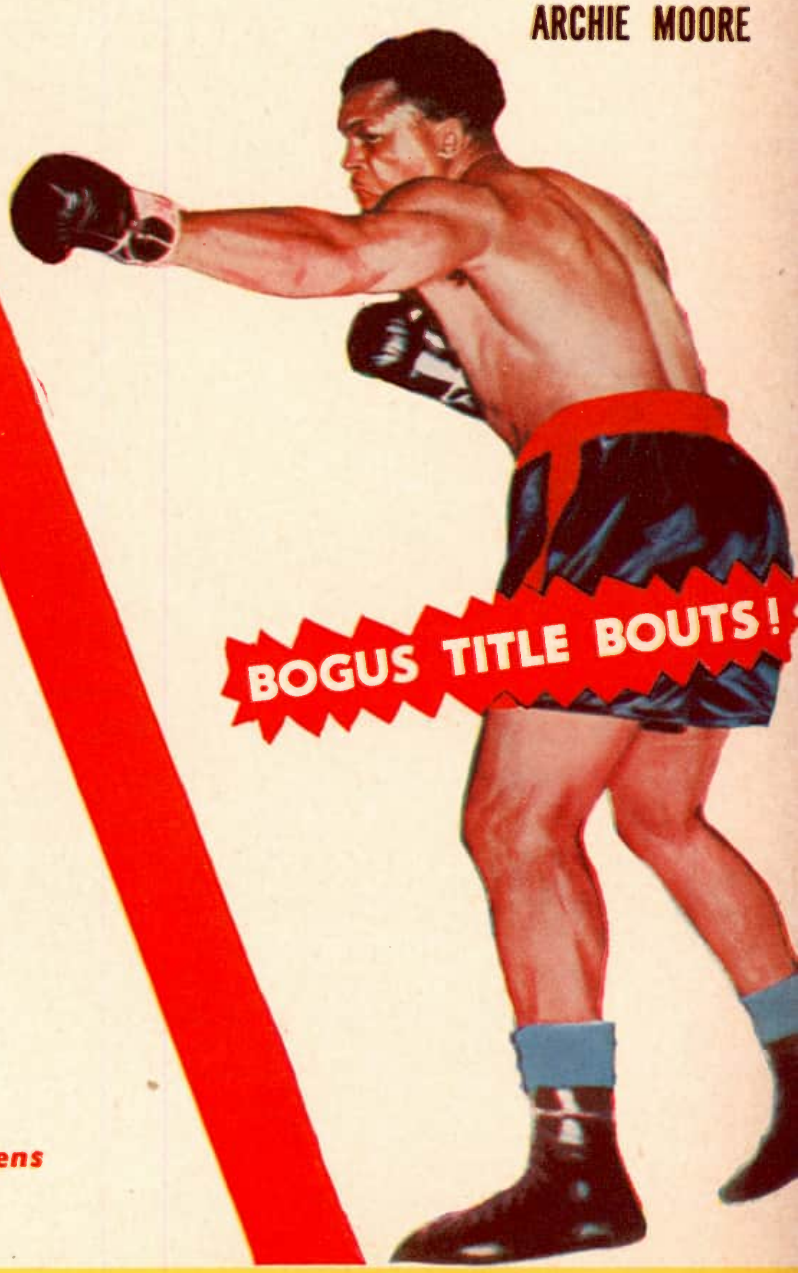

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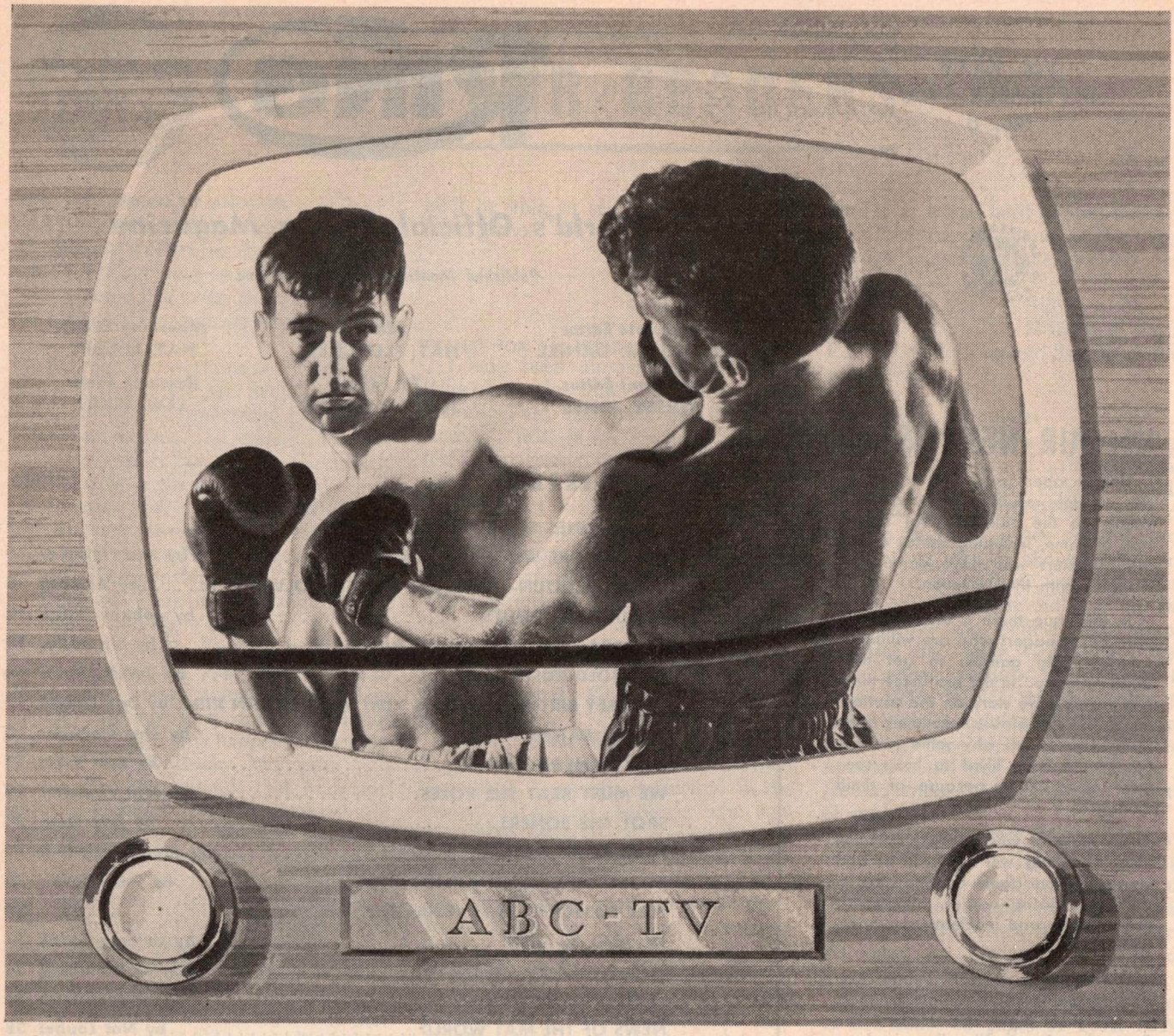

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FROM OUR READERS

ONE ENGLISHMAN TO ANOTHER

I have been reading with interest Mr. D. Beckett's letter in the May edition of "The Ring" and as a fellow Englishman I would like to say that I think he is very unsporting and uninformed as regards boxing.

Through the medium of "The Ring" I would like to get Mr. Beckett straight on a few points concerning British and American boxing and boxers. First of all, the style of boxing here is entirely different from the more aggressive style in America and, as long as British boxers continue to use their present style of boxing, they will never figure in many world championship bouts.

I confirm what that great fighter Jack Dempsey said some time ago. To quote his words, "The English had better stick to their tea and crumpets until they learn more about boxing than tap-tap and run away, tap-tap and run away." We saw this happen when Don Cockell fought Rocky Marciano.

Mr. Beckett contends that Marciano fouled Cockell by kidney punching and hitting him when he was down. I honestly don't think that Rocky fouled intentionally, but I do think that Don had no business whatsoever in the same ring with the "Brockton Meat Axe." I saw the film of the fight and Don was a beaten man after Rocky hung him over the ropes early in the fight. No doubt he put up a good show but that doesn't win world boxing championships. Also look at Don's boxing record since Rocky gave him the Marciano treatment.

I also think that the average American boxer is more durable and better conditioned than his British counterpart. Take a look at Moore, Robinson, Saddler, Walcott and Charles to name but a few. These boxers are, or have been, world champions at an age when most British fighters are washed up.

As a final note I would like to say a few words about British refereeing and British referees. Like British boxing it is in a very depressing condition at the moment. Judging from the riots that followed some of the decisions they have given lately against foreign boxers I have the impression that our referees are inclined to favour the "Home Town Boy." These decisions do more harm than good to our young boxers as has been proved when they were put in against really tough opposition.

Here's hoping that this letter will enlighten Mr. Beckett to the point where he'll be able to see both sides of the fight game.

Edward P. Kelly
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THANKS FOR THE MEMORY

I have been an avid reader of the Ring since the time Joe Louis fought Tommy Farr, way back in '37, and I wouldn't miss it for anything. It is a terrific magazine and I don't miss a single word when I get my copy. I read it from front to back and I go through it again and again. Sometimes, I just love to pull out some old copies and sort of relive those past fights. There is nothing a fight fan likes more (except fights of course) than listening to boxing yarns and when a guy reads your stories and articles he feels he is doing just that. Congratulations on a job well done.

Having been born in Lancashire, England (although I am now a proud Canadian), I am very interested in the exploits of Johnny Sullivan, who is a pretty fair middleweight according to your magazine. I was in Lancashire in 1947 and in my hometown we used to have these boxing booths every so often. An old fighter by the name of Battling Sullivan used to run these booths and he used to offer an amount of money to anyone who could stay three rounds with his son, Sammy Sullivan, who happened to be a young welter who carried a lusty wallop. If I am not mistaken, Sammy had a kid brother who was about thirteen at the time and his name was Johnny. I often wonder if this Johnny Sullivan who recently fought Lausse and Castellani is the same boy.

I was in the British Army during the war and served in the Far East. In 1943 and 1944 I was in India and Burma. At that time, the American Army Air Force stationed in and around Calcutta used to put on a boxing show every Sunday evening on Calcutta football ground and they generously invited us Tommies to attend. I saw Colonel Eddie Eagan referee some bouts there one night.

I was very sorry to read of Rocky Marciano's retirement. Unlike most Englishmen, I considered Rocky a very fine champion and sometimes I get a little disgusted by the excuses put out by my old country whenever they send over a challenger who ends up by getting whipped. I'd like to see England send over a real hard hitting bruiser of the Dempsey-Marciano calibre for a change instead of the pecking fancy Dans.

Bill Simpson
Winnipeg, Canada

Ed. Note—*Johnny and Sammy Sullivan are brothers.*

NO WOMEN . . . PLEASE!

Female wrestling is a ridiculous spectacle and a travesty of a once-honorable sport. I don't see why a reputable magazine like THE RING lends dignity to the silly antics of the women by printing articles about them which appear to take their wrestling efforts seriously. Certainly no one in their right mind can believe that shapely beauties like Judy Grable and Betsy Ross, whose pictures appeared in the June 1956 RING could possess the strength and stamina required for real wrestling. Any 115 pound high school wrestler could pin any of the girls, including their "champion" in a matter of minutes.

While I'll admit that there *is* a thrill of sorts to be had from watching a pair of briefly-clad young women display their anatomies on the wrestling mat, it certainly isn't the kind of thrill generated by the wrestling skill displayed.

So please keep female wrestling out of the hallowed pages of THE RING and let it be covered in the girlie and burlesque magazines, where it belongs.

P. J. Rickards
Phila, Pa.

MONOPOLY NATURAL

Slight Punch Line correction to Carroll's "Italians Make Ring History." Rockford's Sammy Mandell (nee Mandello) was of Albanian blood though taking one leaf from a tree in full bloom doesn't affect the warrior list very much. Sammy of course was a pippin to watch regardless of whose five quarts of blood he had inherited.

Why does the boxing world strain so hard to avoid facing the fact that monopoly is the most natural thing going in practically all lines of human endeavor? Why does it try to make itself think it is quite set aside from politics, business, fields of education, organized charity and just about everything else where turning a buck is the lubricating mainstay and the survival of the fittest is justified under a loose-termed

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Why Moore Will Be Next Heavyweight Champ.

By NAT FLEISCHER

FLOYD PATTERSON and Archie Moore will clash for the right to occupy the throne left vacant by Rocky Marciano when he announced his retirement on April 27. Due to the injury Patterson suffered on his hand, as we go to press the date of the fight has not yet been announced. In the meantime Moore accepted a tune-up bout in Toronto with James J. Parker that should result in a victory for Archie and his next bout will be with Floyd, a contest that will be universally recognized as a world championship match. That bout has aroused considerable interest both in this country and abroad.

How does the Ring Editor tab the affair? I must string along with Moore, whose general all-around ability, is superior to that of Floyd. I figure Patterson will win the early rounds after which Moore will wear him down and the bout should end in about twelve rounds with Archie the winner and champion.

How good is Floyd Patterson?

Has the former Olympic champion, despite his high rating, advanced to a stage where he is ready to fight for the world title?

Is he capable of taking the measure of Archie Moore to ascend the throne vacated by Rocky Marciano?

If you're an ardent fight follower, you've probably pondered those queries yourself. How often, since the retirement of Marciano, have you heard that subject matter discussed and come away with doubts? Start a discussion on the retirement of the Brockton Blockbuster and you'll soon find yourself in the midst of a lively debate on his probable successor.

On my recent tour of Europe, in my talks with servicemen in Germany and France, I found it no different than at home in the interest displayed in Moore and Patterson as finalists in the elimination to decide the next world heavyweight king. Sentiment favored young Patterson, but with few exceptions, servicemen and civilians including newspapermen, were strong in their opinion that Floyd was not yet ready for the title fight.

The exception was in England. There, where the public had an opportunity to see Moore in action when he fought Yolande Pompey in London, the concensus, especially among the newspapermen, favored Patterson.

Why? Because they had seen Archie outpointed by a wide margin in the first eight rounds in his title defense by a middleweight who lacked punching power but had plenty of courage. Moore won only two of those eight rounds and looked like a sure loser of his light heavyweight title until he caught Pompey with a beauty on the jaw, jarred him, then swarmed all over him to win by a knockout in the tenth round. That's what he must do to beat Patterson.

Can he spot lithe-limbed, fleety young Patterson seven out of nine rounds and carry off the honors as he did in the Pompey bout?

That's something I was asked by British scribes and which I shall answer in this article. It was their contention that Patterson's speed and aggressiveness can offset the punching power and the greater experience of the light heavyweight king. They pointed to the ease with which Pompey tagged Moore throughout the early rounds of their title affair in England, and I believe Floyd can duplicate Yolande's feat and in that case, the early margin would be too great a handicap for Moore to overcome and that Patterson would emerge the victor via the decision route.

However, they did concede possible victory for Archie via the knockout route. As Tommy Farr, who fought fifteen rounds with Joe Louis in the Brown Bomber's first defense of his heavyweight crown, stated it:

"Moore cannot possibly win on such a performance as he displayed here against Pompey, unless one false move, as Pompey made, an opening for one of Archie's haymakers, should put an end to Patterson's aspirations via the knockout route. I can't see Moore winning except by a knockout. It must go to Patterson on youth, speed and aggressiveness if the bout goes the limit for a decision."

Farr was speaking from years of experience and he wasn't voicing an opinion that wasn't shared by many others who watched Archie against Pompey, including the writer.

The defeat of Hurricane Jackson by Patterson has narrowed the field to Patterson and Moore as successor to Marciano and no matter how much stronger Moore's hold on top position among challengers becomes, he'll have to be content with occupying that post until such time as he puts Patterson out of the picture. The championship rests between this pair.

Will Moore turn the trick? Will he attain the goal of his ambition when he faces Floyd?

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Tale of the tape of Moore and Patterson

MOORE		PATTERSON
†40 years	Age	21 years
5 feet 11¾ inches	Height	6 feet
*188 pounds	Weight	180 pounds
78 inches	Reach	71 inches
42 inches	Chest (Normal)	40 inches
44 inches	Chest (Expanded)	42 inches
17 inches	Neck	16½ inches
35½ inches	Waist	32½ inches
13 inches	Fist	12 inches
16½ inches	Calf	15½ inches
11½ inches	Ankle	9½ inches
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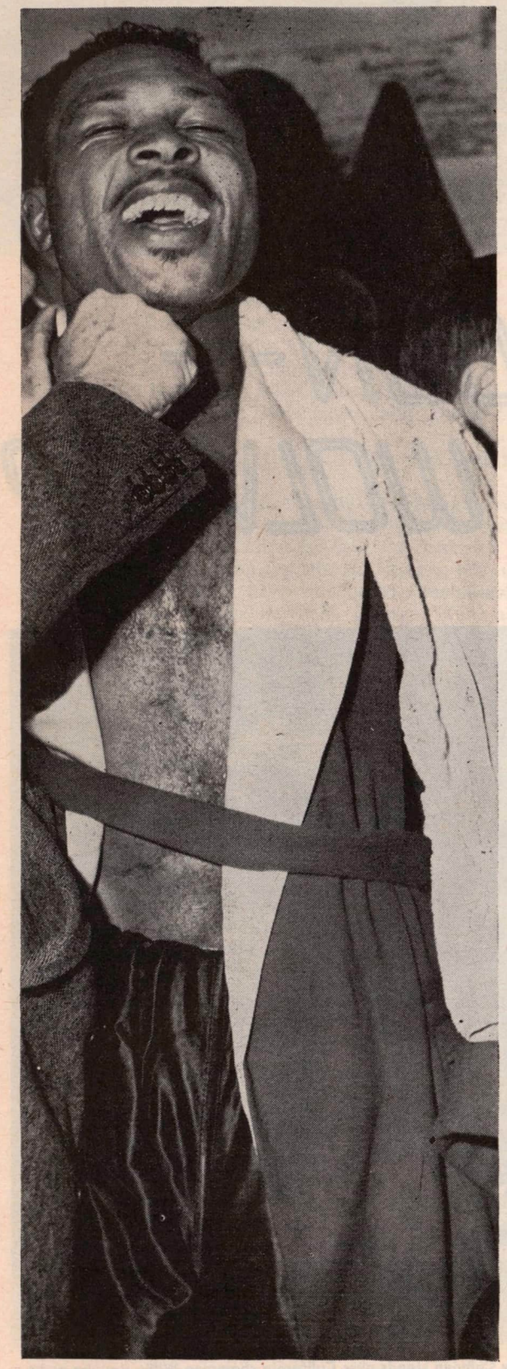
16½ inches	Biceps	14¼ inches
13½ inches	Forearm	12 inches
7½ inches	Wrist	6 inches

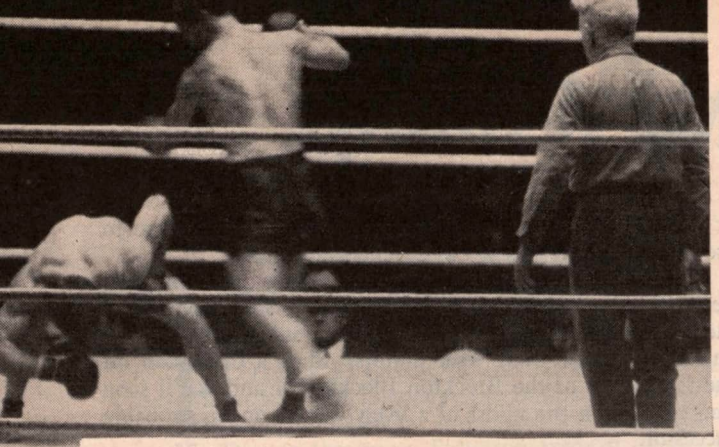
†Age as listed at Commission offices by Moore, gives birth as December 13, 1916. His mother's record shows birthday, December 13, 1913, a difference of three years.

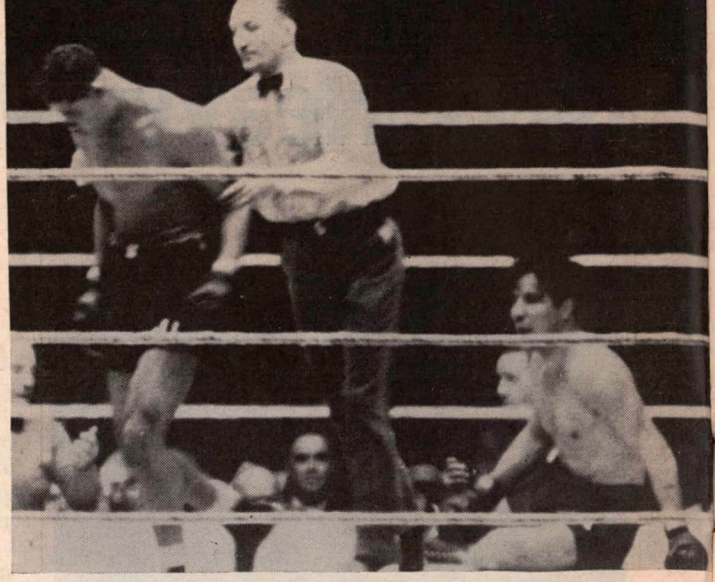
*Estimated weight based on what each expects to scale.

Nat Fleischer, Ring Editor, playfully crashes his right against the jaw of Archie Moore in demonstrating what may happen when Moore faces Patterson in their coming battle.



Archie Moore takes it with a smile. *"If that's the hardest you can hit,"* says the top ranking heavyweight, *"then I'd like to have you substitute for Floyd."*





(Above) Challenger Dave Shade ducks away from the flailling fists of welterweight champion Mickey Walker in the final round of their title bout in 1925. Mickey faced all the top ones on his climb to the title. (Right) Joe Louis is waved away by referee Arthur Donovan as he stopped Max Baer in the fourth round of their 1935 battle. Louis fought four former heavyweight champions on his way to the crown.

RORY CALHOUN--- THROWN TO WOLVES?

By AL BUCK

FIGHTING THEM ALL IS OFTEN SHORT CUT TO SUCCESS

IF Gil Turner, veteran Philadelphia middleweight, should happen to chat with Rory Calhoun, undefeated in 22 fights, he might say: *"Good luck kid, but if you will take a word of advice, the road ahead can be rough. Believe me kid, I know."*

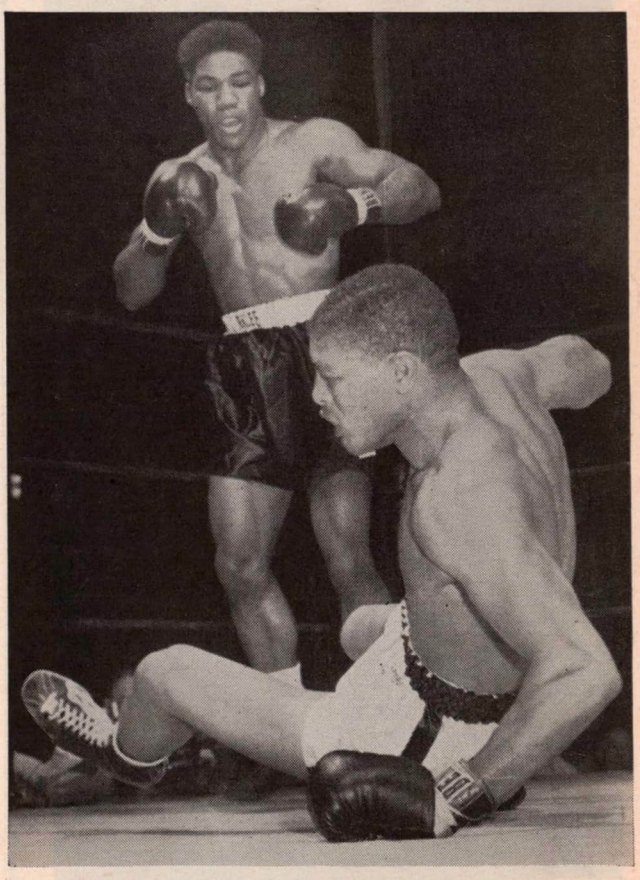
A week after young Calhoun knocked out Willie Vaughn at Madison Square Garden, Turner dropped a decision to Yama Bahama. It was as though Rory on the way up had passed Gil on the way down. Turner never quite fulfilled his early promise. Calhoun's future, whatever it may be, stretches before him.

There are fighters, and Calhoun may be one of them, who make it the hard way. Frank Bachman, Rory's manager, can tell him of Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom. Of course everybody knows Slapsie Maxie, the night club comic. He's the fellow who was world light-heavyweight champion.

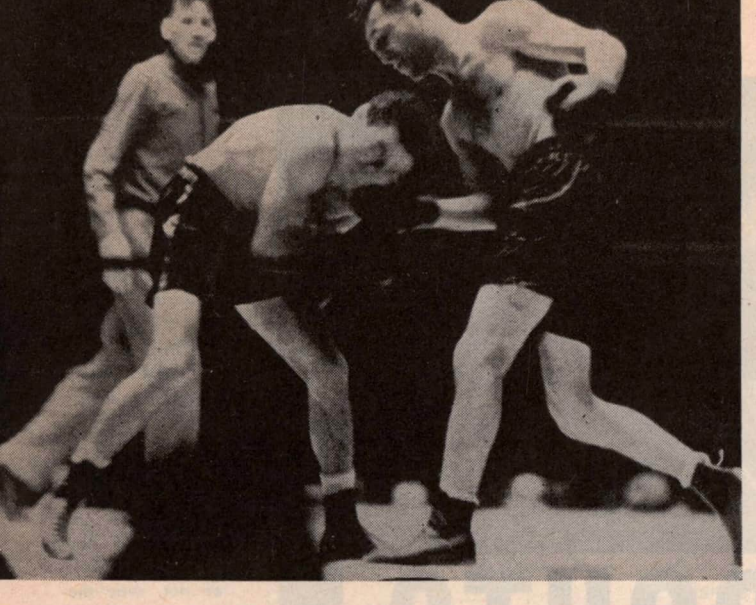
Rosenbloom was a clown in the ring, and a horse-playing, fun-loving individual outside the ropes. His career spanned 17 years and he thought nothing of fighting as many as 25 times in 12 months, usually with the best around.

Starting off, for instance, one of his early opponents was Hambone Kelly, a Boston southpaw. Hambone never ranked high as a fighter but there have been few who could hit as hard. Rosenbloom's early record is dotted with such names as Harry Greb, Jimmy Slattery, Jack Delaney, the Jamaica Kid and Tiger Flowers. Not a sucker in the lot.

In his championship years Slapsie Maxie's rivals were



Rory Calhoun stands over California champion Willie Vaughn as he decked the crafty west coast star in the third round that saw Rory score his 22nd straight win with an eight round kayo. Ducking no one Calhoun faced cutie Charlie Cotton in his next start.



(Left) Tony Canzoneri covers up under the attack of Billy Petrolle in their 1930 bout. Starting as a 17 year old bantamweight Tony fought them all. (Above) Rory models the middleweight crown that he hopes to wear for his dad, Rev. William Calhoun Pastor of the West Oakland Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga.

Abie Bain, Slattery, Lou Scozza, Mickey Walker, Al Stillman and Adolph Heuser. Throw out the last two if you wish, but Rosenbloom also fought Leo Lomski, John Henry Lewis and James J. Braddock.

In his last three fights Slapsie-Maxie Rosenbloom defeated Lou Nova, drew with Bob Pastor and knocked out Al Ettore.

Rosenbloom made it the hard way, and lives to laugh about it.

When Mickey Walker, a young welterweight, was coming up, he barred nobody. Mickey won his first seven fights by knockouts. Then he was knocked out by Phil Delmont. From then on the late Jack Bulger, who managed him in the early years, never said no to a matchmaker.

Dave Shade, Soldier Bartfield, George Ward and Jock Malone were among his opponents. Any one of many might have ruined him, but Walker went on to win the welterweight title from Jack Britton and after that the middleweight championship from Tiger Flowers. Mickey was tossed in with Ace Hudkins, the Nebraska Wildcat, and came out victorious.

Clever fellows like Rosenbloom and Tommy Loughran outpointed him, and then Jack Kearns, who had succeeded Bulger, moved Walker into the heavyweight division. There he drew with Jack Sharkey, only to be knocked out by Max Schmeling. He defeated Paulino Uzcudun and was defeated by Johnny Risko.

Like Walker, Risko came up the hard way. He was defeated by Jack Renault, Jack Sharkey, Gene Tunney and Jack Delaney and knocked out by Chuck Wiggins before he struck gold with an upset triumph over Paul Berlenbach. The Cleveland Rubber Man fought 'em all, going up and coming down, and always gave a satisfactory performance.

Risko was full of surprises, like his victory over Berlenbach. In 1928 he defeated Sharkey, eliminating him as a challenger for Tunney, who closed out his career defending the heavyweight title against Tom Heeney. In reverse, Max Schmeling established himself as a top contender by knocking out Risko in nine rounds.

Although he never got a chance to win the title, Risko fought four future heavyweight champions—Sharkey, Tunney, Schmeling and Max Baer. He defeated the latter at Cleveland.

High on the list of those who fought 'em all is Tony Canzoneri, former featherweight and lightweight champion. He was only 15 years old, just out of short pants, when he started, and within two years fought for the bantamweight title, only to lose to Bud Taylor. A year previous he won from Bushy Graham.

Canzoneri's record is impressive. In the early years he defeated Benny Bass and Johnny Dundee to become recognized as world featherweight king. After losing that title to Andre Routis, Tony failed to win the lightweight crown from Sammy Mandell. He won the title later with a one round knockout of Al Singer.

Sammy Goldman, his manager, never bothered to pick and choose for Tough Tony. Along the way he picked up the junior welterweight title by defeating Jackie (Kid) Berg, and in defense of the lightweight championship he defeated Billy Petrolle. One of his greatest victories was a 15-round triumph over Kid Chocolate.

Even after losing the lightweight championship to Barney Ross, Canzoneri wasn't through. When Barney moved into the welterweight division, Tony regained the lightweight title by outpointing Lou Ambers. Time was running out when Canzoneri turned back the pages of the calendar to score one of his greatest triumphs, a decision over Jimmy McLarnin.

Those who saw the Canzoneri-McLarnin bout, recall how the microphone at the Garden was left hanging carelessly above the ring, and how, Tony, turning quickly to begin the attack at the opening bell, was struck by it. He was stunned by the force of the dangling mike, which hit him in the head, and it looked as though fortune would give McLarnin an easy victory.

But in the second round there was McLarnin on the canvas, dropped by Canzoneri's right. From there Tony surged to a decisive victory in 10 rounds. It was his last good fight, a supreme performance. In his next start he lost the lightweight title to Ambers and in a return bout was defeated by McLarnin.

Canzoneri let others pick and choose opponents. He fought them all as they came along.

The same must be said of Joe Louis, although the Brown Bomber made it look easy by knocking them over. On the way up he knocked out three former champions, Primo Carnera, Baer and Sharkey, and while the Schmeling knock out might have been the end of his promising career it turned out to be only a minor setback. Before winning the title from James J. Braddock, Louis had also eliminated King Levinsky and Paulino Uzcudun, although in justice to both, it must be said they had passed their peaks.

As champion Louis fought everybody, tall men, such as Buddy Baer, who was also big; short men like Tony Musto; fat men, including Tony Galento and fast fellows in Bob Pastor and Billy Conn. He retired after knocking out Jersey Joe Walcott, only to come back and lost to Ezzard Charles and Rocky Marciano.

It may be said of the Brown Bomber that he was defeated only twice—by Schmeling and by Father Time. Although he came up the hard way, Louis made it look easy.

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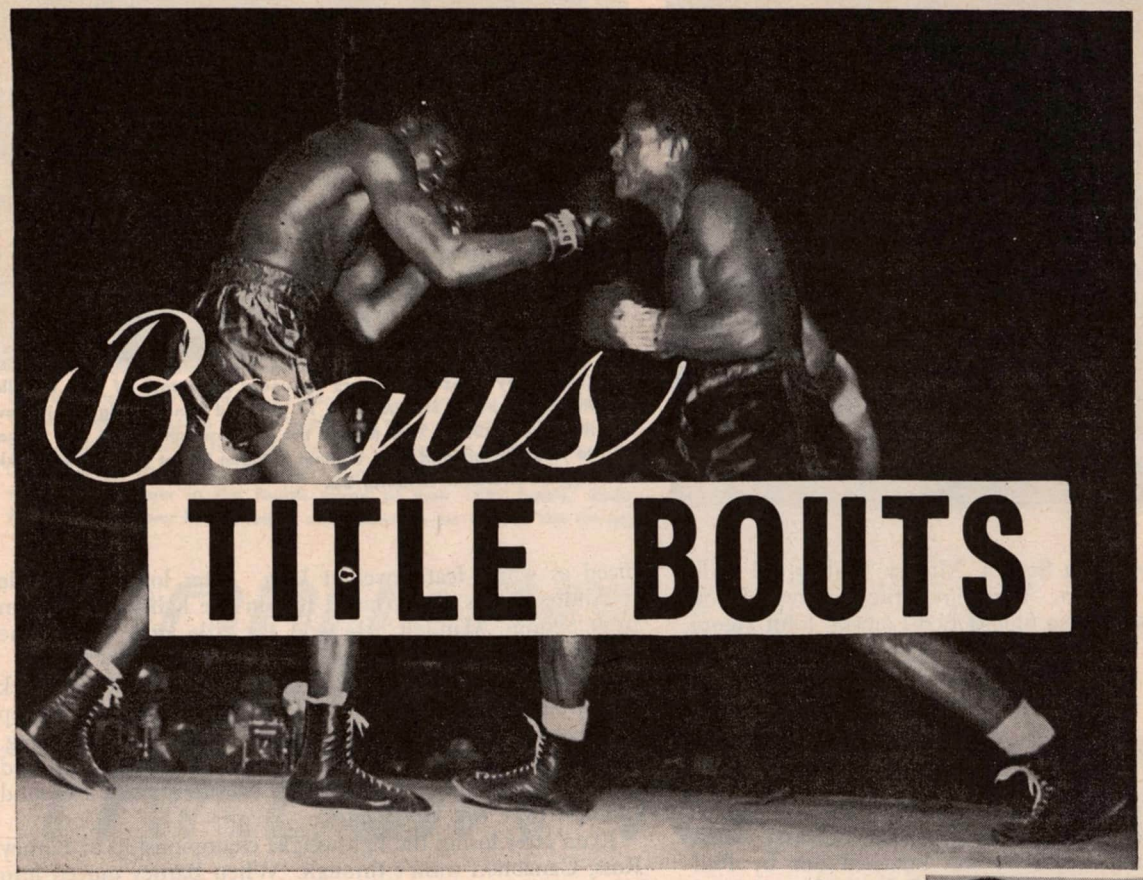
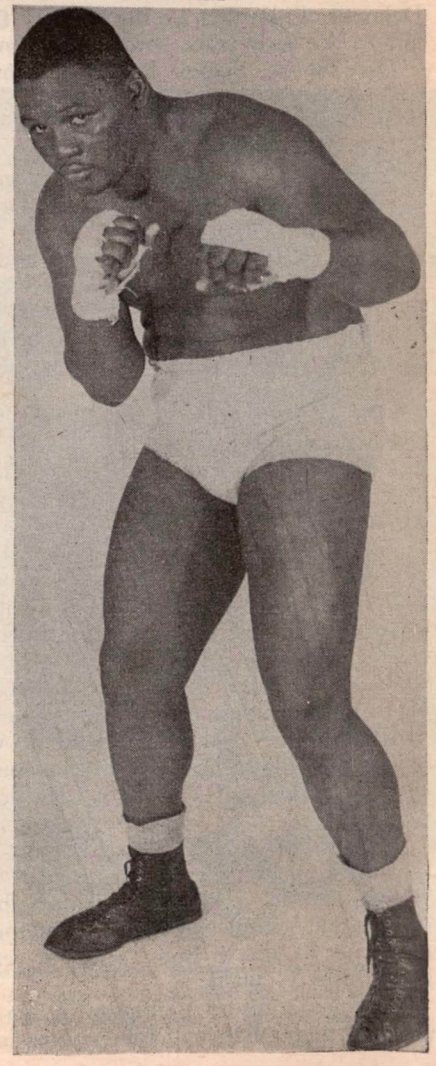


Bogus TITLE BOUTS

Jimmy Bivins (left) defends his "Duration Light Heavyweight Title" in 1943, scoring a 13 round knockout over Lloyd Marshall. This was one of the many synthetic titles the war brought on. (Below) Big Boy Brown, believe it or not, was the world heavyweight champion, of the "duration" variety, in 1942, duly sanctioned by the Maryland State Athletic Commission.

Some Fights, Labelled as For the World Crown, Are Strictly the Bunk, a Ballyhoo Lure That Often Pays Off

By JOHNNY SALAK



EVERY so often, if conditions just happen to be right (or wrong as the case may be), some promoter will be inundated with a brain story and put on a fight that he'll label and advertise as being for "the world championship," usually with the sanction of the local governing boxing body and little else, including opponents.

Into that category falls a fight between James J. Parker of Canada, unranked among the big boys, and Archie Moore, No. 1 rated heavyweight with the retirement of Rocy Marciano as undefeated champion, the bout having been held in Toronto late in July. The promoter, or promoters as variously reported, pumping for the almighty dollar, solemnly handled the contract-signing and accompanying publicity with all the grandeur of a legitimate world championship affair. The promoters listed in this bout were David Rush, Toronto industrialist; Jack Kearns, Jack Solomon and the I. B. C., which holds an exclusive contract on Moore.

Not that they haven't as much right as anyone else to call a fight a world championship affair, or that the local fight public wouldn't buy it (these fights usually go over pretty big at the gate) but surely such a fight, logically, is as far removed from the real thing as Joe Palooka's title. It's good for a laugh, but little else.

Other conditions besides the retirement of a legitimate champion, such as the case above, lend themselves to the possible deviations from the true line of sucession and create a hubbub of nonsense and confusion in trying to arrive at a rightful champion. It might be the forfeiture of a title by a champion due to weight difficulties or other reasons. Or it might be that a champion is in service, his title "frozen," with others quick and eager to cash in on the publicity of a world championship match, bogus or not.

But these matches are strictly the bunk. An attempt to lure customers into an arena to see something that just isn't. They're ersatz titles,

if you will, difficult to digest, tasteless to the palate and as easy to recognize as some of the coffee we ran into in Germany during the last war.

The synthetic quality of such a fight is obvious and ridiculous, the phoniness apparent to all including the participants. Bogus bouts they are, strictly to bamboozle the boxing fan out of a buck. Nothing more.

Titles should have the Tiffany touch, in a rough sort of a way.

Titles are won—in the ring—not donated, borrowed or bought, with utter disregard for rightful owners, just claims and the feelings of the paying public.

They are a trust, belonging to no one individual and with no one body, as the boxing world is set up, having the right to proclaim a champion or the participants in a match for a vacant crown.

In the end it is the public who give sanction and blessing to a champion, accepting or rejecting what is foist upon them.

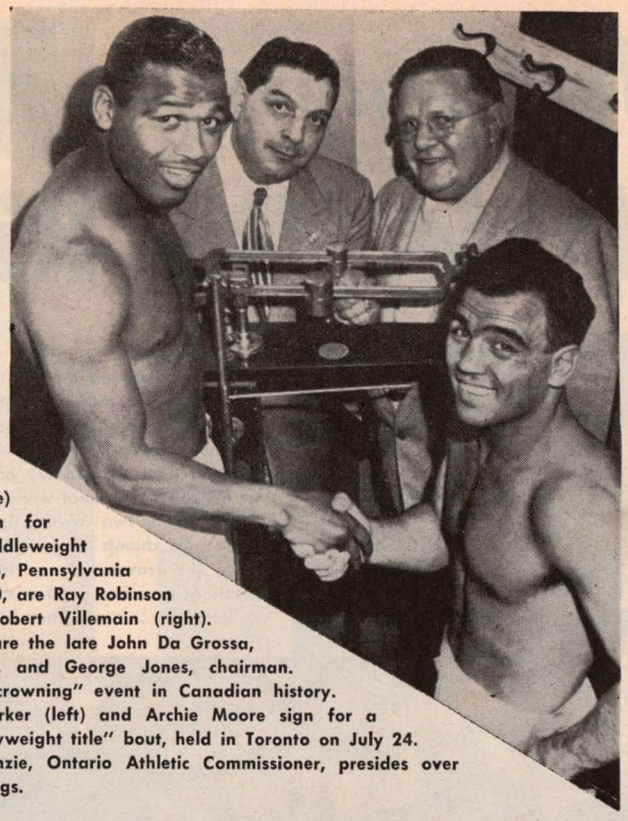
In the present instance, the only acceptable champion to the general public and most governing bodies of boxing would be the winner of a fight between Archie Moore and Floyd Patterson, when and if the latter's hand is properly healed.

From Patterson to Parker, by way of the St. Lawrence River, is a long drink of water and stretch of the imagination and anyone who can bill it, with a straight face, as being for any thing more than the heavyweight championship of the Hudson Bay Trading Company ought to have their heads examined as being waterlogged.

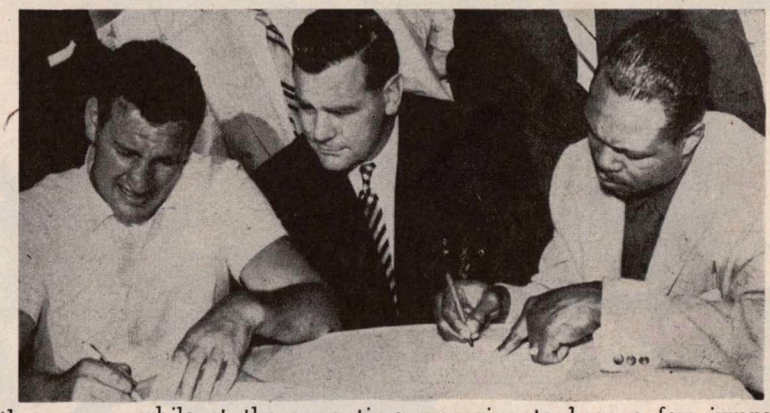
In the early part of the century, before the tightening up of fistic codes and more accessible and easy travel between countries, there were often a half dozen men who claimed the same title and usually any bout they fought in, as long as it was within the class weight limit, was advertised as for "the world championship."

If you were to compare the line of succession of world champions in an American book against that of an English or Australian book you would find many discrepancies. They didn't go along with us on a number of occasions and after certain bouts, totally within their rights, named a world champion other than the one we recognized.

These were not bogus, synthetic or ersatz titles—merely the boiling pot of confusion when little else could be cooked up.



(Above) Weighing in for the world middleweight championship, Pennsylvania version, 1950, are Ray Robinson (left) and Robert Villemain (right). Looking on are the late John Da Grossa, commissioner, and George Jones, chairman. (Below) A "crowning" event in Canadian history. James J. Parker (left) and Archie Moore sign for a "world heavyweight title" bout, held in Toronto on July 24. Merv Mackenzie, Ontario Athletic Commissioner, presides over the proceedings.



PROBABLY the first time since the turn of the century that anyone decided to play footsie-footsie with the heavyweight crown was in 1904 when Jim Jeffries, scanning a meager field of opponents, decided to retire undefeated and designated Marvin Hart and Jack Root to fight it out for "his" title.

The lucky ones, being handed the biggest plum in boxing, fought it out on July 3, 1905, with Jeffries acting as referee and raising the hand of Hart who stopped Root in the twelfth round.

Hart won alright and everyone did right by him as far as being a champion was concerned. They ignored him. Less than eight months later Hart lost his "crown" to Tommy Burns and though the sawed-off Canuck wasn't supposed to be a bad little fighter the public just wasn't buying it.

Burns did his darndest to gain universal recognition, scooting all over the world beating national champions, while at the same time managing to keep a few jumps ahead of Jack Johnson. Johnson finally caught up with him in Australia in 1908, halting him in fourteen rounds—the police intervening—and the public accepted him, though grudingly, as the rightful world heavyweight champion.

Of more modern vintage was the case of the Pensylvania Athletic Commission which in 1950 branded a bout between Ray Robinson and Robert Villemain as being for the world middleweight championship. Not that Robinson, then holder of the welterweight title, wasn't also the best middleweight in the world but it so happened that Jake LaMotta, whom Sugar Ray had defeated in four out of five bouts, was the champion. The Pennsylvania Commission based its decision on the fact that LaMotta had not defended his laurels in over six months, the time limit between title bouts prescribed by most commissions. However, if that policy were faithfully adhered to seventy-five percent of the champions would be out on their ear.

Robinson defeated Villemain, as expected, and went so far as to "defend" his title twice that same year, halting Jose Basora (for the world title?) in one round and Bobo Olson (What! Again?) in twelve.

However, that amusing and confusing interlude was relegated to the anecdotal department as soon as Robinson got down to business and did away with LaMotta in thir-

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Art Aragon — Hate Made Him Rich

Art Aragon, tough guy of the ring has his weaker moments. After defeating the world lightweight champion Jimmie Carter in a ten round non-title bout Aragon lay his head on the ropes and wept with joy. Art beat Carter in two non-title fights but lost to the champ in a third contest when the crown was on the line. Right: Aragon has another soft spot . . . children . . . and they love him.

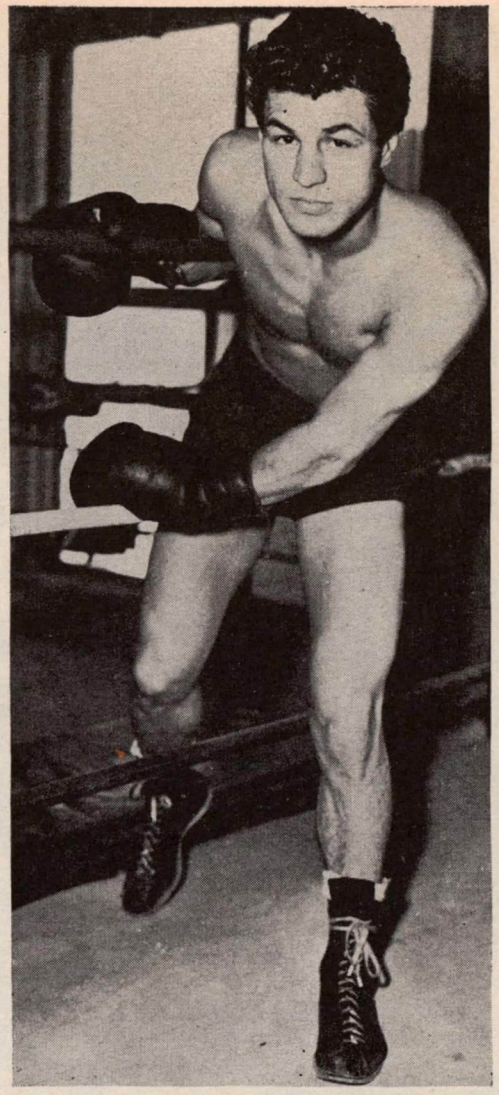
By

BILL MILLER

THERE is one book you won't find in the home of Art Aragon, famed Golden Boy of Los Angeles, and that's Dale Carnegie's "How To Win Friends and Influence People". Art isn't interested in winning friends. Acquiring enemies has made him rich. He has made a career of inspiring hate. It has paid off, big.

Aragon, now fighting as a middleweight, and with aspirations to meet Sugar Ray Robinson for the title, certainly merits the tag of Golden Boy. He has the touch of Midas. His last 36 fights in Los Angeles have grossed about $1,100,000—that's an average of more than $30,000 per fight.

Can you name any non-champion who can boast that kind of average over a six-year period? Indeed, how many champions, outside of Rocky Marciano, can equal that average for 36 fights?



(Above) The "Golden Boy" is friendly with many of Hollywood's film set. Here he is seen with Dick Powell and his wife June Allison and to their right Eddie Gallagoes and Ricardo Montebaum. (Right) Aragon as he looks getting ready for action.

Funny thing is, there are times when Aragon sadly bemoans his lack of popularity. Let him step into the ring for an introduction, and the house bursts into a thunderous chorus of boos, catcalls and hisses. Yes, he gets the blues about that, occasionally.

But then he looks at his Cadillac, and his station-wagon, the swimming pool in the back yard of his lovely home, the closet jam-packed with nifty and expensive togs, the balance in his bank-book—and he stops bemoaning his fate.

How did this hatred of a handsome kid, one who provides thrills, chills, spills, excitement, action and entertainment, all begin?

One theory is that it dates to 1950. That year Aragon twice knocked out the well-beloved Enrique Bolanos. To get the full flavor of that, one must understand how deeply Bolanos had crept into the hearts of Latin-American fight fans. They idolized him. They adored him. Enrique was "muy simpatico" as we Litvaks would say.

So when the jaunty Golden Boy had the audacity to flatten Bolanos—not once, but twice—the full fury of their bitterest dislike, even hatred, descended on Aragon. Even though the fights were fair and aboveboard, with no hint of foul tactics.

As time went on, the hatred of Aragon became traditional. Even guys who had no grudge or dislike for the boy would join in the boos and hisses whenever he was introduced in the ring.

It was my job, as publicist of many Aragon fights, to stress the facets of his character that were calculated to make him loved less, and disliked more.

One day he approached me in the gym and said plaintively:

"Uncle Will, why do you make me such a heel? Why am I always the villain?"

"Look, Golden Boy," I replied, *"which would you rather be—a poor hero or a rich villain?"*

He grinned and walked away. And thereafter he made it his business to rile newspapermen—like this instance:

Shortly after the birth of his first child, Arturo, Junior, Aragon bumped into a sports columnist on the street.

"Hey, I hear you're a father", said the scribe.

"Yeah" beamed Aragon. *"And what a kid! Only a month old and he knows me already!"*

"How can you tell?" asked the columnist. *"Does he start to boo when you get near his crib?"*

Aragon didn't answer that one, but suddenly he frowned.

"You know, this being a father makes a guy worry a lot", he said. *"Why, I stay awake nights, worrying about the kid's future."*

"His future? Why, he's only a month old."

"Yeah; I'm worrying about what he'll do when he grows up. Man, I got a right to worry. Suppose he turned out to be a sportswriter?"

"There are worse things than that", said the scribe.

"Name one", countered Aragon, as he walked away.

See what I mean? Things like that don't endear him.

Then there was the night he boxed a boy named Elmer Beltz, on a Fight for Lives program. Aragon scored a quick kayo—one round. Instead of getting applause, he was awarded with a storm of boos and hisses.

The Golden Boy calmly turned to the audience and clearly, distinctly thumbed his nose at the crowd. Then, to make sure he wasn't overlooking anyone, he turned to the other side of the house and gave them the same treatment.

Incensed and infuriated fans wrote letters to the State Athletic Commission, and to the sports writers. One scribe recommended that Aragon be given a hefty fine and a suspension.

Aragon was equal to the occasion. He went on the air, with a friendly broadcaster—yes, he had one friend among the broadcasters—and here's what he said:

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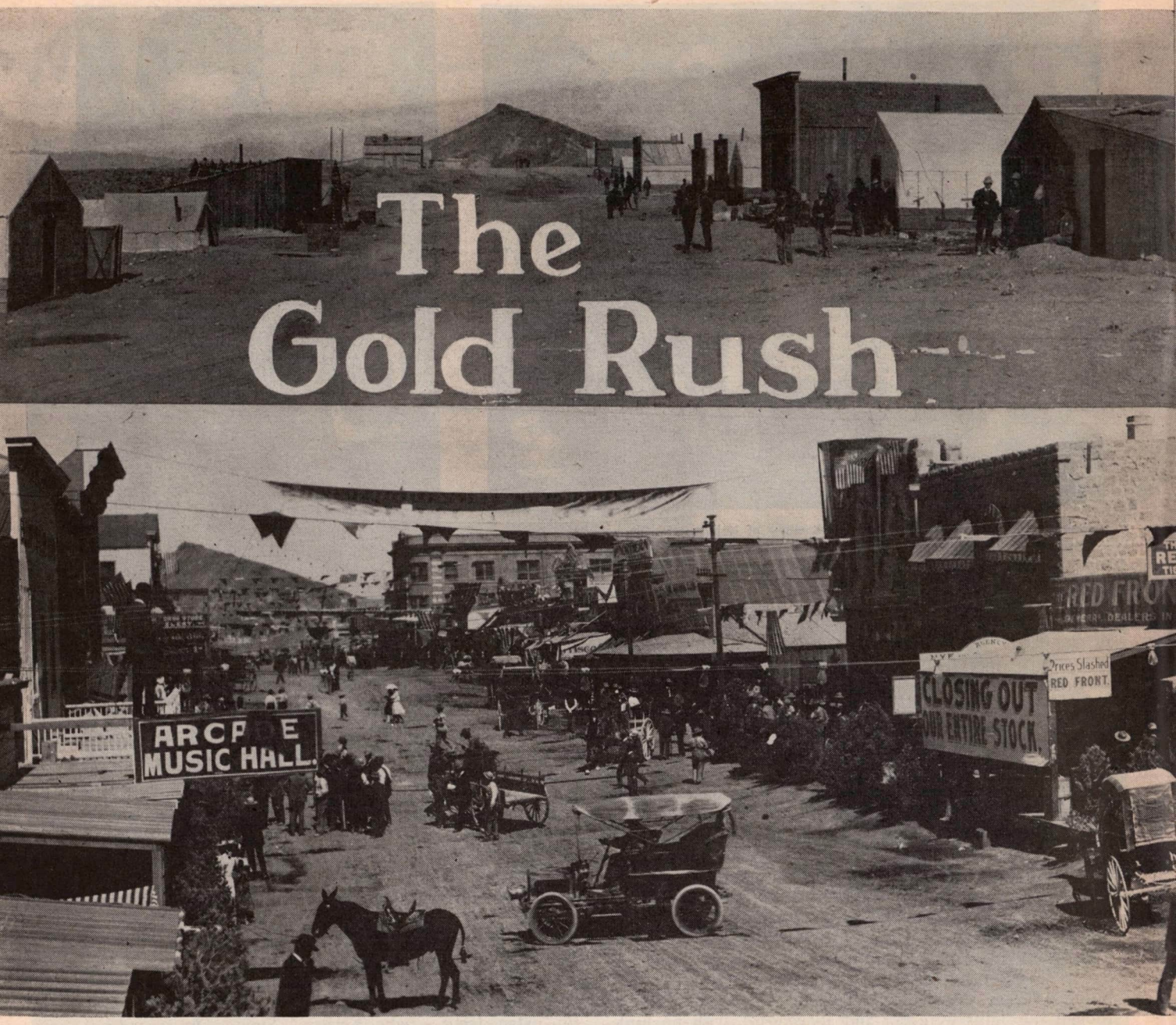
The Gold Rush



(Upper scene)—A few rude shacks comprised Goldfield, Nev., in 1904, and (below) as booming mining town looked two years later when it awaited Gans-Nelson bout.

50 Years Ago, The Fabulous Purse for Gans-Nelson Bout Put Desert Mining Town on Map and Began Tex Rickard's Colorful Career as a Fight Promoter

By JERSEY JONES

IN his New York office, Sam Harris squinted again at the telegram, then handed it over to Joe Humphries, his associate in the management of Terry McGovern. "What do you think, Joe?" he asked.

Humphries read the wire. It was from Goldfield, Nevada, offering McGovern $5,000 to fight a Jack Clifford there. The name of the

Box offices in new stadium did thriving business as miners, cowboys and town's leading citizens (yes, women, too) lined up for tickets to the Big Fight.

sender was George L. Rickard.

Humphries snorted. "Who in blazes is George L. Rickard and whereinell is Goldfield, Nevada? This must be somebody's silly idea of a joke, offering McGovern that much money to fight a mugg in a town I never heard of."

The telegram, unanswered, ended in the waste basket.

Across the continent, in San Francisco, two other managers received similar offers for their charges to box Clifford. Willus Britt, handling his brother Jimmy, reacted as had Harris and Humphries. Refusing to consider the thing seriously, Britt tossed the telegram away.

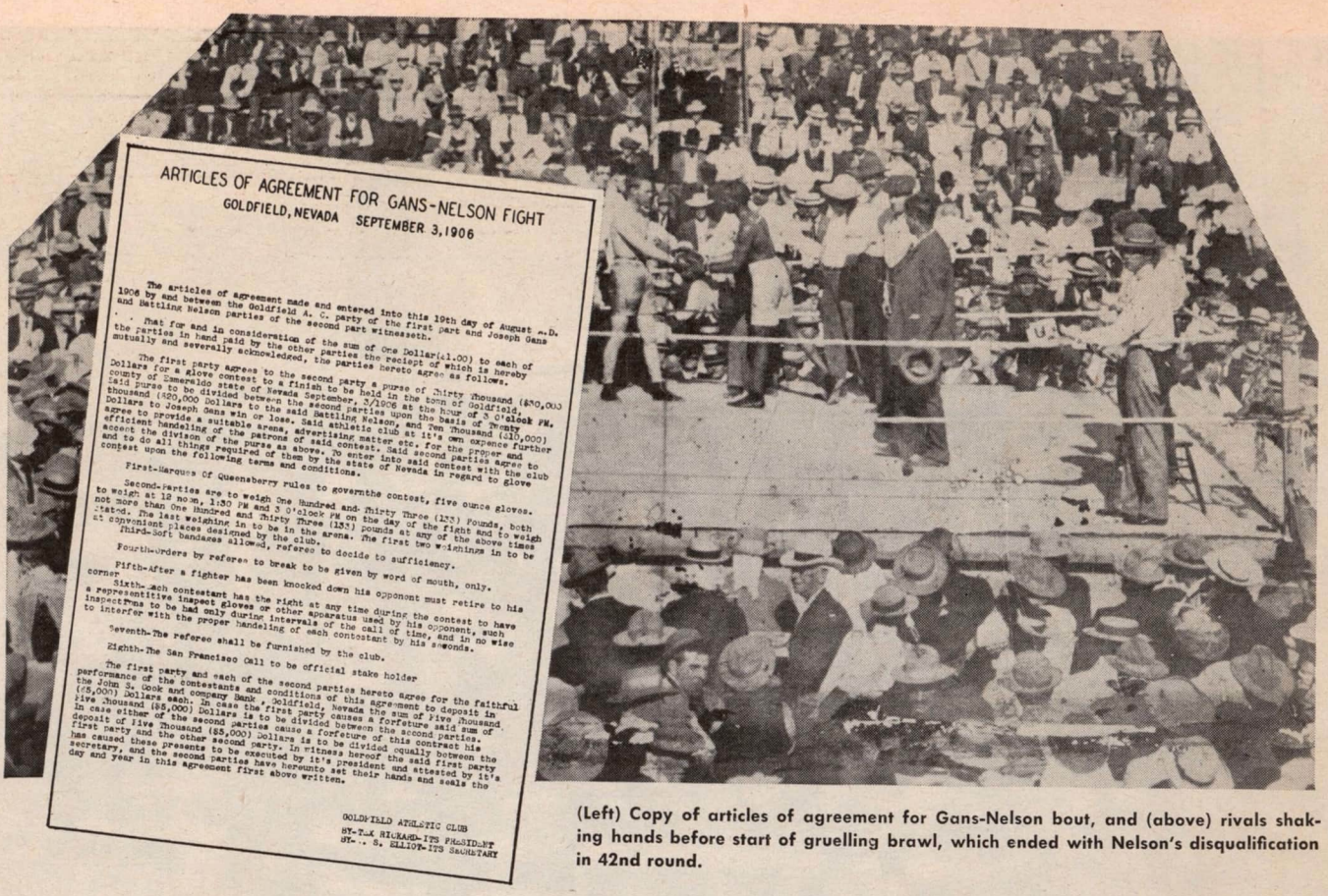
For a few fleeting moments, Billy Nolan, managing Battling Nelson, was tempted to do likewise. On second thought, however, Nolan decided to investigate. Billy hadn't heard of Goldfield or Rickard, but he'd had some experience promoting fights in western mining centers, and thought this Rickard-Goldfield thing might be worth looking into. What could he lose? Goldfield couldn't be much more than a day's jaunt from 'Frisco.

Billy made the trip and was well rewarded. A shrewd individual, it didn't take him long, after landing in Goldfield, to size up the situation. Pay dirt had been discovered there and the town was booming. Rickard, proprietor of The Northern, the community's leading saloon and gambling hall, was chairman of a local citizens' committee. News traveled slowly in those days—this was in 1906—and Goldfield's newly-found prosperity had yet to become known to the outside world. It was the task of Rickard and his colleagues to promote an event that would attract immediate attention to the town. Someone suggested a prizefight. None of the committee members knew much about boxing promotions, but the suggestion met with enthusiastic approval. Rickard, as chairman, was delegated to handle the details.

George Lewis Rickard, dubbed "Tex", was a colorful character. At 35, he'd had an adventurous life. Born in Kansas City while his parents were emigrating southward from Illinois, he was only 12 when his father, an itinerant millwright and farmer, died in Sherman, Texas. The youngster had to quit school and find work to support himself and his mother. He became a cowpuncher in the Texas Panhandle, then town marshall of Henrietta. When the gold rush started for Alaska and the Klondike, he was in it. From prospecting he shifted to saloon and gambling operations, first in Dawson, then in Nome. Although doing well for himself, restlessness caught up to him. He headed back to the United States and ended up in Goldfield.

Now he was in the unfamiliar role of boxing promoter. In his first venture he received a liberal "education" from the glib-tongued opportunist, Nolan.

"Listen," said Billy, to Rickard and the committee. "You gentlemen want a big event that will put Goldfield on the map. You don't care what it costs. Fine. Then don't bother with Nelson and Clifford. It wouldn't mean anything. Nelson is the leading contender for the world lightweight championship. Clifford is nobody, an ordinary fighter bouncing around the mining circuit. Get after a real big-time attraction, an important fight that will get you the attention you want. Put up a real purse, and maybe you can get Joe Gans to meet Nelson for the title."



ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT FOR GANS-NELSON FIGHT

GOLDFIELD, NEVADA SEPTEMBER 3,1906

The articles of agreement made and entered into this 19th day of August A.D. 1906 by and between the Goldfield A. C. party of the first part and Joseph Gans and Battling Nelson parties of the second part witnesseth.

That for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar(1.00) to each of the parties in hand paid by the other parties the receipt of which is hereby mutually and severally acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows.

The first party agrees to the second party a purse of Thirty Thousand ($30,000 Dollars for a glove contest to a finish to be held in the town of Goldfield, county of Esmeralda state of Nevada September, 3/1906 at the hour of 3 o'clock PM. said purse to be divided between the second parties upon the basis of Twenty thousand ($20,000 Dollars to the said Battling Nelson, and Ten Thousand ($10,000) Dollars to Joseph Gans win or lose. Said athletic club at it's own expence further agree to provide a suitable arena, advertising matter etc, for the proper and efficient handeling of the patrons of said contest. said second parties agree to accept the division of the purse as above. To enter into said contest with the club and to do all things required of them by the state of Nevada in regard to glove contest upon the following terms and conditions.

First-Marquess Of Queensberry rules to governthe contest, five ounce gloves.

Second-Parties are to weigh One Hundred and Thirty Three (133) Pounds, both to weigh at 12 noon, 1:30 PM and 3 O'clock PM on the day of the fight and to weigh not more than One Hundred and Thirty Three (133) pounds at any of the above times stated. The last weighing in to be in the arena. The first two weighings in to be at convenient places designed by the club.

Third-Soft bandages allowed, referee to decide to sufficiency.

Fourth-Orders by referee to break to be given by word of mouth, only.

Fifth-After a fighter has been knocked down his opponent must retire to his corner.

Sixth-Each contestant has the right at any time during the contest to have a representitive inspect gloves or other apparatus used by his opponent, such inspections to be had only during intervals of the call of time, and in no wise to interfer with the proper handeling of each contestant by his seconds.

Seventh-The referee shall be furnished by the club.

Eighth-The San Francisco Call to be official stake holder

The first party and each of the second parties hereto agree for the faithful performance of the contestants and conditions of this agreement to deposit in the John S. Cook and company Bank , Goldfield, Nevada the sum of Five Thousand ($5,000) Dollars each. In case the first party causes a forfeture said sum of Five Thousand ($5,000) Dollars is to be divided between the second parties. In case either of the second parties cause a forfeture of this contract his deposit of Five Thousand ($5,000) Dollars is to be divided equally between the first party and the other second party. In witness hereof the said first party has caused these presents to be executed by it's president and attested by it's secretary, and the second parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year in this agreement first above written.

GOLDFIELD ATHLETIC CLUB
BY-T.J. RICKARD-ITS PRESIDENT
BY-- S. BILLION-ITS SECRETARY

(Left) Copy of articles of agreement for Gans-Nelson bout, and (above) rivals shaking hands before start of gruelling brawl, which ended with Nelson's disqualification in 42nd round.

What did Nolan mean by a "real purse"?

"Oh," said Billy casually, "something like $30,000. That would be cheap for the publicity you'd get all over the world."

To an experienced promoter, a $30,000 purse in those days would have been fantastic, even for an outstanding match like Gans vs. Nelson, but Rickard and his associates were not experienced promoters. They knew little of boxing purses, and Nolan's suggestion seemed reasonable. It was, indeed, a cheap gamble to take for the tremendous advertising the fight would bring them, and, after all, that was the main purpose of the promotion. So they agreed upon the purse and Labor Day, September 3, was set as the date.

Nolan was a hard bargainer. First, he demanded to see the $30,000. It was collected, converted into $20 gold pieces, and put on display in the window of the shack used by the committee for its headquarters.

Although Nelson was the challenger, Nolan then demanded that Bat's contract call for $20,000, or two-thirds of the purse. Next, he insisted on a "bonus" of $2,500 for signing, and another $500 for Nelson's training expenses.

Gans, the champion, realized he was getting the short end of the deal, but he didn't argue the point too strenuously. Joe had parted from his manager, Al Herford of Baltimore, and was doing his own business, with a Frank McDonald as adviser. Nelson may have been getting twice as much out of the fight as Gans, but $10,000, plus another $1,000 for expenses, represented an exceptional payday for Joe, probably the biggest of his career. Confident of beating Nelson, Gans lost no time signing.

Nolan wasn't entirely satisfied. He'd won the financial battle, and now concentrated on the fight itself. He stipulated a ringside weigh-in, at the class limit, 133 pounds, with the fighters wearing all ring togs. This was supposed to favor Nelson, a natural lightweight. Gans had been scaling 140 and more for recent non-title bouts, and the belief was prevalent that Joe would weaken himself getting down to the lightweight mark. When Gans reluctantly agreed to weighing-in ringside, instead of four or five hours before the fight, Nolan still wasn't content. He demanded the rivals scale in three times the day of the bout, first at 12 noon, then at 1:30, and finally at ringtime, 3 o'clock.

Gans protested the unfair demand. He'd have to go all day without food or liquid. Nolan was adamant. Either Joe would agree or the fight was off. It was strictly a bluff on Nolan's part, but it succeeded. Gans agreed.

The next move was to decide upon the referee. George Siler of Chicago, recognized as one of the ring's most fearless, competent officials, was satisfactory to both camps. Siler accepted the assignment. Ed Graney of San Francisco was invited as alternate.

Meanwhile, a big, wooden outdoor arena, seating 7,861, was running up another robust item of expense for the promoters. The reported cost was about $10,000. Rickard was, indeed, getting a liberal education in fight promoting. Another $1,000 had to be paid the State of Nevada for a license, and along with various incidentals, such as printing, help and one preliminary bout, the entire expense of the venture represented about $60,000, a fabulous figure for a prizefight in that era.

Ticket prices were scaled from $25 for ringside down to $5 for general admission.

Jack Clifford, the opponent Rickard had originally offered to McGovern, Britt and Nelson, appeared in the preliminary. He had an easy time disposing of Bobby Lendil, a Nelson sparring partner, in two rounds.

Gans and Nelson experienced no difficulty with any of their weighings-in. At the final one, neither moved the beam at 133 pounds, and it was announced the rivals scaled the same, 132¾.

The officials, besides Referee Siler, were Jack Welch, timekeeper for both Gans and the club, and Charley Dixon,

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By DAN DANIEL

Jack Dempsey, ex heavyweight champ, believes that his lucky charm is spending his birthdays with his ex-sparring partner Bobby Manzell.

Dempsey Birthday Means Visit with Syrian Kid

EVER hear of Bobby Manzell? Or perhaps, the Syrian Kid? No? Well, I don't blame you. Under neither moniker did he achieve greatness in so far as a ring record goes. But thereby hangs a tale.

It was a rare day in June when Harry Grayson, the sports writer from New York, ran into Jack Dempsey in the former champion's restaurant on Broadway in the Big City.

Dempsey was bored. Grayson was jaded. "What are we hanging around here for?" asked the old Manassa Mauler.

"Come on, let's take a walk," Dempsey suggested. Grayson does not like to walk. It was too early in the day for much of anything, let alone violent exercise like walking.

They went out into the sunlight, and it felt good. "Tell you what, let's go visitin'," Dempsey said. Grayson said, "Let's go. Visitin'."

This meant getting into a cab, and before Grayson could recollect what day it was, he was at La Guardia Field with Dempsey.

They got on board a plane, and next thing Harry knew, he was in a cab headed for the Loop in Chicago.

They went visitin'. Dempsey soon proved that he knew a lot of folks in the Windy City. They saw people singly, they went to public functions. Living with Dempsey was a continuous mob scene.

They were at the North Side Swedish Society shindig when Dempsey said, "Harry, it's time to visit the Syrian Kid."

"Well," said Grayson. "Where does this Syrian Kid hang out? What part of town?"

Dempsey thought for a moment.

"It is a fair piece to where the kid lives, but that ain't nothin'. Call a cab, please," said Dempsey.

They got into a taxi and Grayson sat back for a ride back to the Loop.

Harry dozed off. On they rode. Through the Loop, on South to the Air Port. Before Grayson knew it, he was on board a plane. He was going to visit the Syrian Kid, locale unknown, and who was the Syrian Kid, anyway?

They flew down into Texas. Late that evening they landed in Tyler, which turned out to be the Kid's base of operations.

"Meet my old friend, Bobby Manzell, the Syrian Kid," Grayson heard Dempsey say.

A man stuck out a big paw, and at last Grayson knew who the Syrian Kid was.

Back in the days when Dempsey was champion, the Syrian Kid was one of his sparring partners. A very close friendship developed between the Mauler and the Kid.

When Dempsey has a birthday, he likes to be with the Kid. That explained the hurried departure from the North Side Swedish clambake to Tyler. Jack wanted to be with Manzell.

The onetime sparring partner has become a rich man. Everybody around Tyler knows Bobby.

Manzell would not let Dempsey and Grayson leave before they had partaken of much of the local hospitality. That meant three days.

Dempsey's yen for being with the Kid on his birthday, this one his sixty first, had been fulfilled.

Eventually Grayson found himself back on Broadway. "There is only one Jack Dempsey, the guy is incredible, unpredictable, the most."

Well, that's your answer to the question of about the Syrian Kid.

If you run into Dempsey of an afternoon on Broadway, be prepared, minus bag or baggage, to go winging off to the North Side Swedish festival. And if it be June 24, be ready to wind up in Tyler, Texas, with the Syrian Kid.

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING JULY 21, 1956

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

World Champion
Title Vacant

1—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
2—**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—**TOMMY JACKSON,** Far Rockaway, N. Y.
4—**BOB BAKER,** Pittsburgh, Pa.
5—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
6—**BOB SATTERFIELD,** Chicago, Ill.
7—**JOHN HOLMAN,** Chicago, Ill.
8—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
9—**JOHNNY SUMMERLIN,** Detroit, Mich.
10—**HAROLD CARTER,** Linden, N. J.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

World Champion
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**GERHARD HECHT,** Germany
2—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, BWI.
3—**HANS STRETZ,** Germany
4—**CHUCK SPIESER,** Lansing, Mich.
5—**GORDON WALLACE,** Canada
6—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany
7—**JOEY MAXIM,** Cleveland, O.
8—**MARTY MARSHALL,** Detroit, Mich.
9—**CHARLES COLIN,** France
10—**RON BARTON,** England

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

World Champion
RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

1—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
2—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
3—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
4—**CARL (BOBO) OLSON,** Honolulu, T.H.
5—**CHARLEY JOSEPH,** New Orleans, La.
6—**RALPH JONES,** Yonkers, N. Y.
7—**EDUARDO LAUSSE,** Argentina
8—**MILO SAVAGE,** Salt Lake City, Utah
9—**ROCKY CASTELLANI,** Cleveland, Ohio
10—**RORY CALHOUN,** White Plains, N. Y.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

World Champion
JOHNNY SAXTON, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1—**CARMEN BASILIO,** Syracuse, N. Y.
2—**TONY DeMARCO,** Boston, Mass.
3—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
4—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
5—**ART ARAGON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
6—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
7—**GEORGE BARNES,** Australia
8—**RAMON FUENTES,** Los Angeles, Calif.
9—**CLARENCE (DUKE) HARRIS,** Detroit, Mich.
10—**EMILIO MARCONI,** Italy

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

World Champion
WALLACE (BUD) SMITH, Cincinnati, O.

1—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
2—**CISCO ANDRADE,** Compton, Calif.
3—**JIMMY CARTER,** New York, N. Y.
4—**LARRY BOARDMAN,** Marboro, Conn.
5—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
6—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
7—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
8—**JOE BROWN,** New Orleans, La.
9—**L. C. MORGAN,** Youngstown, O.
10—**LUDWIG LIGHTBURN,** British Honduras

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

World Champion
SANDY SADDLER, New York, N. Y.

1—**HOGAN (KID) BASSEY,** Nigeria
2—**FRED GALIANA,** Spain
3—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
4—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
5—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Texas
6—**CIRO MORASEN,** Cuba
7—**CARMELO COSTA,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
8—**VICTOR (SONNY) LEON,** Venezuela
9—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
10—**JOSE HERNANDEZ,** Spain

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

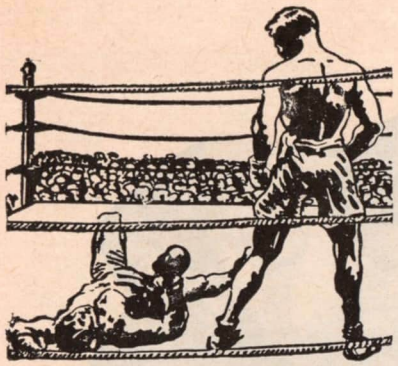
World Champion
MARIO D'AGATA, Italy

1—**RATON MACIAS,** Mexico
2—**ROBERT COHEN,** France
3—**BILLY PEACOCK,** Los Angeles, Calif.
4—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
5—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
6—**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
7—**TANNY CAMPO,** Philippines
8—**JEAN RENARD,** Belgium
9—**RICARDO MORENO,** Mexico
10—**KEVIN JAMES,** Australia

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

World Champion
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**MEMO DIEZ,** Mexico
2—**DAI DOWER,** Wales
3—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
4—**HITOSHI MISAKO,** Japan
5—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
6—**GUY SCHATT,** France
7—**ARISTIDE POZZALI,** Italy
8—**BINDI JACK,** Australia
9—**JAKE TULI,** South Africa
10—**OSCAR SUAREZ,** Cuba



MARIO D'AGATA
Fighter of the Month

TWO world championship bouts featured the past month's fights, with Mario D'Agata, the deaf mute from Italy dethroning Robert Cohen of France in the bantam division and Pascual Perez of Argentina retaining his flyweight crown by stopping Oscar Suarez of Cuba in the eleventh round. D'Agata, by virtue of his sixth round triumph, is **"The Ring's" Fighter of the Month.** He halted Cohen when Referee Teddy Waltham of England intervened, due to a cut over Cohen's left eye.

The knockout of Nino Valdes of Cuba by Eddie Machen, brought about several changes in the heavyweight division in which Machen, promising Pacific Coast battler, advanced from tenth to eighth place, bringing Johnny Summerlin of Detroit down a peg to ninth from his previous position and landing Harold Carter the tenth spot.

Gordon Wallace, British Empire light heavyweight champion, has advanced from seventh to fifth post while Willi Hoepner of Germany, defeated by Hans Friedrich, a heavyweight, and Joey Maxim each dropped a peg from fifth to sixth and sixth to seventh, respectively. Yolande Pompey of Trinidad though stopped by Moore in their title tilt, is rated second behind European champion Gerhard Hecht of Germany, due to Pompey's excellent performance against Archie.

Only change is listed in the middleweight ranks in which young Rory Calhoun, undefeated White Plains, N. Y. comer, has entered the select circle. He is rated tenth, replacing Holly Mims who this year has had but two fights. Gene Fullmer and Bobby Boyd top the contenders for Sugar Ray's crown.

Joe Miceli of New York has been dropped from the welterweight ranks due to his loss to Maurice Harper of Oakland, Calif., who would have been returned to the ratings if he had not gotten into trouble with the law. Miceli is replaced by European titleholder Emilo Marconi who is rated tenth, with Ramon Fuentes and Duke Harris, each moved up one notch to eighth and ninth respectively.

Carmen Basilio and Tony DeMarco two former champions, head the list of challengers for Johnny Saxton's title.

When Duilio Loi stopped Fred Galiana of Spain, the Italian jumped into the top post under Champion Wallace (Bud) Smith, but Joe Brown of New Orleans, rated eighth is the one who obtained the title shot with Smith set for August 10th. Kenny Lane of Muskegon, Mich., returns to the ratings with a bang, by his upset triumph of Ralph Dupas. Ralph drops down from one to five, with Cisco Andrade, Jimmy Carter and Larry Boardman each moved up one notch to second, third and fourth. Lane is now rated sixth, and Frankie Ryff has been removed to make room for him.

Hogan (Kid) Bassey of Nigeria has gained the top spot previously held by Fred Galiana, with the Spaniard and Cherif Hamia of France following in the order.

Carmelo Costa, who was stopped by Ike Chestnut of New York in eight rounds, has fallen from fourth to seventh, with Flash Elorde, Paul Jorgensen and Ciro Morasen each upped a peg. Ray Famechon of France has been eliminated.

Cohen's loss to D'Agata not only cost him the crown in the bantam class but he has been dropped to second place making way for Raul (Raton) Macias of Mexico who is now the leading challenger though Robert has been signed for a return bout with his conqueror in September. The record of Macias for this year surpasses that of Billy Peacock who stopped him last year.

Little Cezar now fighting as a featherweight, who fought a "no contest" bout with Emil Bill Tinde for the latter's Philippine feather crown, has been eliminated from the bantam ratings since he no longer can make the class limit and Tanny Campo, another Filipino, previously rated among the flyweights, has replaced him and is rated seventh.

The changes in the flyweight class are among the lower rated men. With Campo out, Australia titleholder Bindi Jack has been placed among the elite. He is in eighth post.

Jake Tuli of South Africa, idle, has been dropped from seventh to ninth and Aristide Pozzali of Italy has replaced him. Although kayoed by Pascual Perez in eleven rounds, for his second straight kayo loss, Oscar Suarez of Cuba still is listed tenth.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Wayne Womnochil, Omaha, Nebraska
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Gerhard Rode, Germany
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Raymond Mocoques, France
WELTERWEIGHT—Tommy Molloy, England
LIGHTWEIGHT—Paul Lee, Hartford, Conn.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Dwight Hawkins, San Diego, Calif.
BANTAMWEIGHT—Walter Livingston, Trenton, N. J.
FLYWEIGHT—Malcom McLeod, England

RESULTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Bob Satterfield upset Johnny Summerlin, 10.
Eddie Machen kayoed Matt Jackson, 4, and Nino Valdes, 8.
Ezzard Charles stopped Bob Albright, 7.
Joe Bygraves won the vacant British Empire title by outpointing Kitione Lave, 15. Heinz Neuhaus defeated Peter Bates, 10.
Alan Williams retained Australian title by halting Ernie (Bull) Hughes, 6. Hans Friedrich decisioned Willi Hoepner, 10. Ben Wise kayoed Neal Welch, 6.
George Parmentier kayoed Cal Chambers, 3. Buddy Turman kayoed Freddie Thompson, 2.
Jimmy Saunders defeated Gene White, 8. Don Jasper kayoed Cal Vernon, 2. Ruben Vargas defeated Joe Louis III, 8.
Bob Butcher kayoed Rudy Coleman, 2. Tommy Fields whipped Clarence Williams, 6. J. D. Marshall beat Johnny Hollins, 6.
Jimmy Whitfield kayoed Johnny Odom, 1. Len Richards defeated Ray Griggs, 6. Norvel Gaddis and Everett Putnam, 6.
Pat McMurtry outscored Ezzard Charles, 10. Don Jasper whipped Jim Sanders, 8. Garvin Sawyer kayoed Charle Tilden, 1. Amos Lincoln whipped Frank Williams, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Hans Stretz bested Wim Snoek, 10.
Willi Hoepner lost to heavyweight Hans Friedrich, 10.
Canadian Gordon Wallace won the British Empire title by outpointing Ron Barton, 15.
Randy Turpin kayoed Jacques Bro, 5. Jim Persey kayoed Kid Ralph, 4.
Arthur Howard defeated Yvon Durelle, 10. Dominico Baccheschi drew with Ivano Fontana, 10. Uwe Janssen kayoed heavyweight Piet Klijssen, 7.
Julian Keene returned to action after a five year layoff and stopped Sipio Lofton, 7. Ruben Hernandez kayoed Bull Halsey, 9.
Willi Besmanoff decisioned Erwin Hack, 8. Bobby Lane kayoed Tom Tatum, 4. Willi Besmanhoff beat Erwin Hack, 8, and Eugene D'Alessio, 8.
Chuck Howell halted John Carroll, 5. Johnny Hayden stopped Kenny Yates, 5. John Riggins whipped Randy Brevard, 6.
Don McAteer whipped Burke Emery, 6. Roque Maraville kayoed Charlie Crump, 2. Sonny Hett kayoed Tommy Sims, 2.
Eddy Jenkins bested Benny Droll, 6. Don Tatro kayoed Jack Leddy, 2.
Bobby Jones defeated Henry Burton, 6, Al McCoy, 8, and Billy Dixon, 6, Billy whipped Gus Carter, 6.
Bobby Lane whipped James Bussey, 8. Ronnie Fleeman beat Ted Poole, 8, and kayoed Lajuin Burke, 4. Eloy Vann kayoed Harold Woodson, 4, and Frankie Gimbel, 5. Angelo DeFendis kayoed Jackie King, 1. Calvin Brad whipped Roger Wiley, 10. Bob Cosgrove whipped Joe Moran, 6. Jesse James kayoed Gerry Tessier, 4.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Baby Linares won the Cuban title by defeating Kid Charolito, 12.
Ernie Durando returned to action after a year's layoff and beat Jimmy Martinez, 10.
Rory Calhoun kayoed Willie Vaughn, 8. Joey Giardello kayoed Tony Baldoni, 1.
Tiberio Metri lost to Jimmy Elliott, 10, but came back to beat British Champion Pat McAteer, 10. Charlie Cotton and Franz Szuzina drew, 10.
Peter Muller kayoed Al Mobley, 4, bested Germinal Ballarin, 10, and Jo Jansen, 8. Neal Rivers kayoed Chico Varona, 8.
Del Flanagan decisioned George Boddie, 8. Gil Turner lost to welterweight Yama Bahama, 10.
Bobby Dykes and Frankie Lawson, drew, 5. Randy Sandy outpointed Tommy Webb, 10.
Johnny Lombardo kayoed Harold Felder, 6. Don (Bronco) Johnson polished off Johnny Doyle, 6.

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BY LEW ESKIN

NEW BANTAM CHAMP

Thirty year old Italian Mario D'Agata, the newly crowned bantamweight king, is the first deaf mute to hold a world's championship, and the first Italian titleholder since Primo Carnera.

THE roar of a crowd of 38,000 fans and the voice of the ring announcer proclaimed that Italy had its first world champion in over twenty-two years, when "The Ambling Alp", Primo Carnera had ruled the heavyweight roost. Mario D'Agata! "The Winner and New Bantamweight Champion of The World!"

Yet to all of the people in Rome's Foro Italico Soccer Stadium on this night of nights, June 29, 1956, the two persons most effected by this triumph over a myriad of obstacles could hear neither the plaudits of the crowd or the words of the announced. Both D'Agata and his pretty twenty-two year old bride of seven months are deaf mutes.

It marked the end of a long bitter, tedious journey for the thirty year old D'Agata, when Robert Cohen battered and bleeding from a deep cut over his left eye was unable to continue at the end of six rounds and referee Teddy Waltham of England crossed from Cohen's corner to Mario's and raised the right hand of the Italian in victory.

The fight while not spectacular was hard fought between these two victims of a jinxed, yet charmed life. Cohen, the 25 year old Algerian-Hebrew making his first fight in 1956 following a broken jaw and other injuries suffered in an auto accident, fought a defensive battle after his eye was cut in the second round. He stayed close to D'Agata and tied him up in the infighting and used his left jab to keep him off balance when they were at long range.

Midway through the sixth stanza D'Agata broke through Cohen's guard and staggered him with a flurry of punches to the head. Cohen backed off and tried to cover up, but Mario sensed the kill and moved forward and let go a wicked left hook to the body that sent the champion to the canvas gasping for breath. Cohen's face was distorted in pain, the blood from his eye covered the left side of his face, he discarded his mouthpiece, gulped a mouth full of air and came off the deck as the referee tolled eight. Seconds later the round ended and Referee Waltham followed Cohen to his corner to see if he was able to continue.

What happened in Cohen's corner is not certain. Waltham declared that he asked Robert if he could continue and Cohen told him he could not, so Waltham stopped the bout.

Cohen's story is different. He complained bitterly in his dressing room about how the fight was stopped. He said "Waltham asked me if I could continue, did I want him to stop the fight and I told him No. But in the confusion, apparently I was misunderstood."

To the large gathering in the arena, the way the fight ended mattered little. That D'Agata won, was the important thing. The crowd rushed to the ring side and hoisted Mario and his manager, Libeo Cecchi, on their shoulders and carried them to the dressing room.

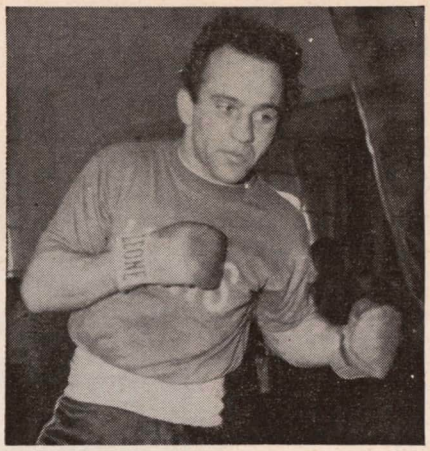
Mario, one of three deaf mute children in a family of seven born to normal parents in the little mountain town of Arezzo, in northern Italy, had a hard life as a child. His family was poor. What little money they could save was spent to try and cure Mario, but the doctors told them there was no hope, surgery could not help, Mario was doomed to a life of silence.

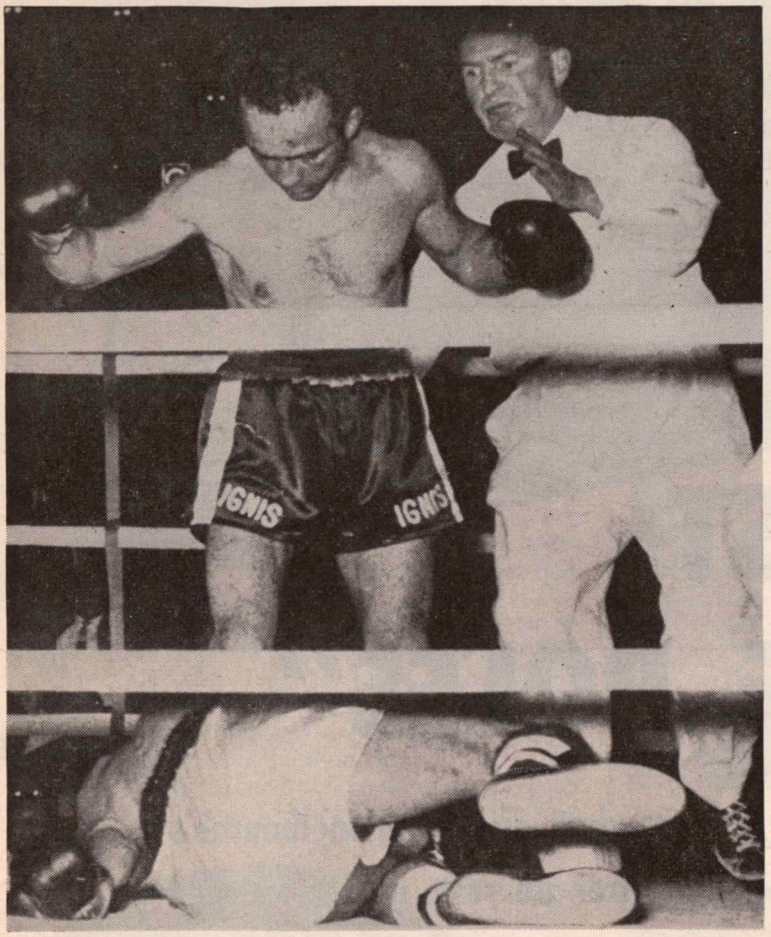
In Italy there were few schools for the deaf as we have in America and it seemed that Mario's life was to be one of torment and helplessness. But Mario even then had a fighting heart and a will to win, although it meant many miles of travel. He enrolled in a school for the deaf and dumb where he learned to read lips, write, and mumble a few painful words. His hands were supple and fast. He learned also to carve wood and paint ceramics. To the amazement of the instructors he progressed far beyond what they had hoped for when he first came to them as a child.

The poverty of the war years were another hardship that Mario had to endure along with the taunts of his fellow playmates. Shutout from the world around him, he made a world of his own and dreamed of a bright and happy future, but it is doubtful if in his wildest dreams, he pictured himself as champion of the world.

It was not until 1946 when he was twenty years old that Mario saw his first boxing match. Until the time that he

D'Agata lands a solid left while working out for the Cohen fight. It was his left hand that paved the way to Mario's winning the crown.





Robert Cohen hits the deck in the closing seconds of the sixth round, after D'Agata unleashed a two-fisted attack. The referee Teddy Waltham stopped the fight after the round was over. *D'AGATA . . .* The new world champion!

dropped by a gym in Arezzo, Mario's fist-fighting was limited to the street where he was forced to fight off the bullies who taunted him with crys of "dummy", "stupid". His small size along with his inflection made him fair game of the wiseguys of Arezzo.

Mario was enthralled with the fistic game. He forgot everything else and in a few short months was competing with the top amateurs in Italy. For the next few years D'Agata toured Europe, but due to a rule of the Italian Federation of Boxing, he was barred from fighting in the 1948 Olympic trials or other important international meets.

He engaged in 110 amateur bouts in four years before at the age of twenty-four he made his debut as a professional. His aggressive style quickly made him a favorite with the boxing fans as he fought his way up the fistic ladder. Only Kid Arcelli was able to beat him as Mario advanced from the preliminary ranks and the smaller clubs to a main eventer and a challenger for his national title.

In September of 1953, in his home town, he became champion of Italy when he upset high ranking Gianni Zuddas. A few months later he visited France where in his first pro fight outside of Italy, he held Andre Valignat to a draw.

1954 was a big year for Mario. He defended his Italian title twice, turning back Zuddas and Luigi Fasulo. He journeyed to North Africa where he first meet Robert Cohen, losing a close and disputed decision. He closed out the year with victories over Emil Chemama and Valignat and then travelled to Australia where he defeated Australian champion Bobby Sinn and former North American title-holder, Billy Peacock. This also was the year that Mario met the girl he later married, Luana Bacci.

Returning from Australia early in December, Mario was invited to the annual Christmas Dinner given by the Italian Society of Deafmutes as a honored guest. It was at this dinner that he and Luana were introduced to each other. They had only known each other for a few months when tragedy struck D'Agata.

Mario was all set to come to the United States to fight the Number One man in America, Mexican champion Raul (Raton) Macias, but shortly before leaving, he stopped in a laundry in Arezzo in which he has a financial interest with his mother, Mrs. Rose Laurenzi and his trainer Bruno Giuliatini, and an argument between D'Agata and the manager of the business, Giovanni Petitto followed over the bills and some new machines that Mario wanted installed.

Suddenly, Petitto reached under the counter, grabbed a shotgun and started blasting away. Both Mario and his mother were hit by the pellets. While his mother's wounds were slight, D'Agata was hit in the chest and stomach. Altogether 23 pellets were removed from his small body and it was touch-and-go for a week during which he was given a number of blood transfusions.

But the will to live and fight was so great in Mario that three months after that near fatality on February 12, he was back in training and resumed his quest for a title match on May 25, by defeating Arthur Emboule in eight rounds. He ran off nine straight victories and on October 29, in Milan, he became European titleholder when he defeated Andre Valignat of France.

During his stay in the hospital and his convalescence, Luana was a constant visitor. They fell in love and on December 10, 1955 they were married

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Atten - shun!

Members of the U. S. Armed Forces CISM boxing team come smartly to attention during impressive opening ceremonies of the gala international military ring tournament held in Naples, Italy.

U. S. military mittmen fought their way to three individual titles in CISM competition against outstanding boxers from Egypt, Holland, France, Luxembourg, Turkey, Spain and Italy.

"WE MUST BEAT THE POLES"

By NAT FLEISCHER

That's the cry in Europe when discussing Melbourne's Olympic Games — U. S. Strength rests in Service men

A FEW weeks ago I toured the British Isles and the Continent for seven weeks in quest of news regarding boxers who will probably take part in the Olympic Games in Melbourne next November.

What did I find? What did I learn about teams that will be sent to Australia by the European nations?

That American boxers, who at this stage don't compare favorably, with one or two exceptions, to Uncle Sam's representatives of the past, will meet with exceptionally keen competition, particularly from Poland, and Russia. Their toughest opposition will be pugilists from behind the Iron Curtain, State-aided teams who for many months have been trained for one purpose—to bring back from Australia team honors for the Communists. In England, France, Italy, Belgium and Germany—everywhere I discussed the Olympic Games, I heard the same story—the Poles and Russians are the ones who we will have to defeat if we hope to repeat our Helsinki triumph of four years ago.

While our amateurs are taking things easy until the October final tryouts take place for the team that will be chosen to represent the United States in Australia, boxing teams representing European nations have been busy for several months tuning up in international competition for a two-fold purpose—to make certain they have selected the best possible talent to carry their colors to victory and to accustom the entrants to the rules of Olympic competition. These are extremely strict and any violation, even when only a minor infraction, leads to disqualification.

Many of the officials who will handle the matches in Melbourne, have been assigned to these international European matches, much along the lines practiced by our baseball leagues during the spring training when umpires are assigned to the various camps. Thus Europeans have already gotten a big jump on the Americans who should have had several teams touring Europe to accustom themselves to what they must expect when boxing in Australia.

During my trip abroad, teams from England, Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Poland and Russia were in competition in such international matches and in those, Polish boxers stood out prominently. The British, who in past years have invariably been in the thick of the battle in amateur team competition, have learned through sad experience, that their chances in the Melbourne games seem extremely poor. Italy, hitherto strong in amateurs, is little better off, though Steve Klaus, for many years head coach and trainer of the Italians, is optimistic. He thinks Italy will score first or second place in the bantam and featherweight classes.

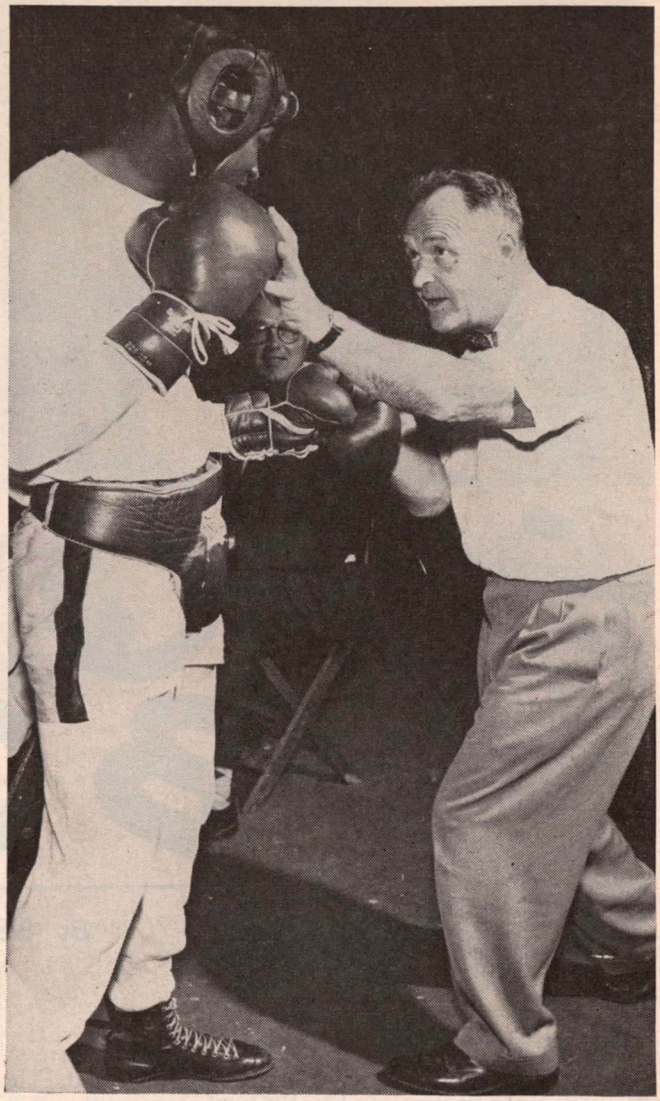
It is the concensus in Europe that the fight for top honors will be among Poland, Russia and the United States, with Poland favored. Both the Russians and Poles have displayed exceptional strength in the spring matches. The State-aided Poles, in particular, look extremely formidable, though their Communist brethrens from Russia loom up almost as strong. Their combined forces make up a robust outfit and it will take all we Americans can put into it, to offset the advantages those countries have as of now, on their rivals.

George Whiting, sports writer of the "Evening Standard" of London who has attended international matches in every part of Europe, returned from Warsaw on the day I reached London and during a discussion of the Olympic boxing, he remarked:

"During the past ten months I've traveled with the British boxers to every country in which they have competed and I see the handwriting on the wall so far as our chances in the Olympic Games are concerned. I don't know how good the American boys are, but they'll have to be exceptionally good if they hope to take home the bacon this time in Melbourne. The competition from the boxers behind the Iron Curtain will be keener than it was at Helsinki. As for our Olympic prestige, the British just don't have any. We may yet develop one or two top lads but as of now, they are not in the field."

What Whiting said was voiced also by Klaus who has sent many excellent Italian amateur teams to the States and who has developed the cream of the Italian pros who have been seen in our country. It is his opinion, that the Communist groups with its intensive training and government aid, is going to go all out for an Olympic Games victory and is tops in Europe today on the basis of what they have shown in international meets.

"But", said Klaus, *"I just returned from Naples where the international service men's boxing tournament was held and from what I saw when I visited America recently and what I viewed in Naples, I think the majority of the U.S. Olympic team will come from men in the armed forces or those recently discharged and those on this side of the Atlantic should not be underrated. There are a lot of good boxers in the U.S. Forces in Central Europe, but the best amateur boxers in Europe are the Poles. They in my opinion, are the men you'll have to beat to retain your Olympic laurels."*



Here we see Eddie LaFond, a top boxing instructor, giving a serviceman the finer points of blocking and the knack of fast countering.

Veteran boxing instructor Eddie LaFond, athletic director at Catholic University, (left) and Sfc James Munroe (Fort Myer, Va.) conduct a USAREUR boxing coaches' and officials' clinic for American troops stationed in Germany.

Klaus' tip put me on the trail. I visited Lindsey Field Airbase near Wiesbaden and several other posts to see for myself and I was quickly convinced of the accuracy of Steve's judgment. The Infantry Command and the Airforce Command each is equipped with most modern built athletic fields and gymnasiums where every branch of athletics is taught both by regular army and civilian employed experts.

Under the supervision of Major Robert H. Sigholtz, a former top referee in professional boxing, and now chief of the Athletic section of the United States Army Europe Special Activities Division (USAREUR) stationed at Nurenberg, and Albert G. Bianco, Civilian Chief of the Athletic Branch Personnel Services Directorate stationed at Wiesbaden, competition in all branches, particularly boxing, is at a high level. Bianco's mainstay in the instruction corps is the former chief trainer of the West Point football and boxing squads, Master Sergeant Joe Romano who is turning out top talent.

Under the guiding hand of Col. Ralph A. Stevenson, Headquarters, USAF, Chief of Special Services in Washington, nothing has been left undone to give our boys fine entertainment in outdoor exercises and at the same time to develop a strong team in track and field, and boxing and

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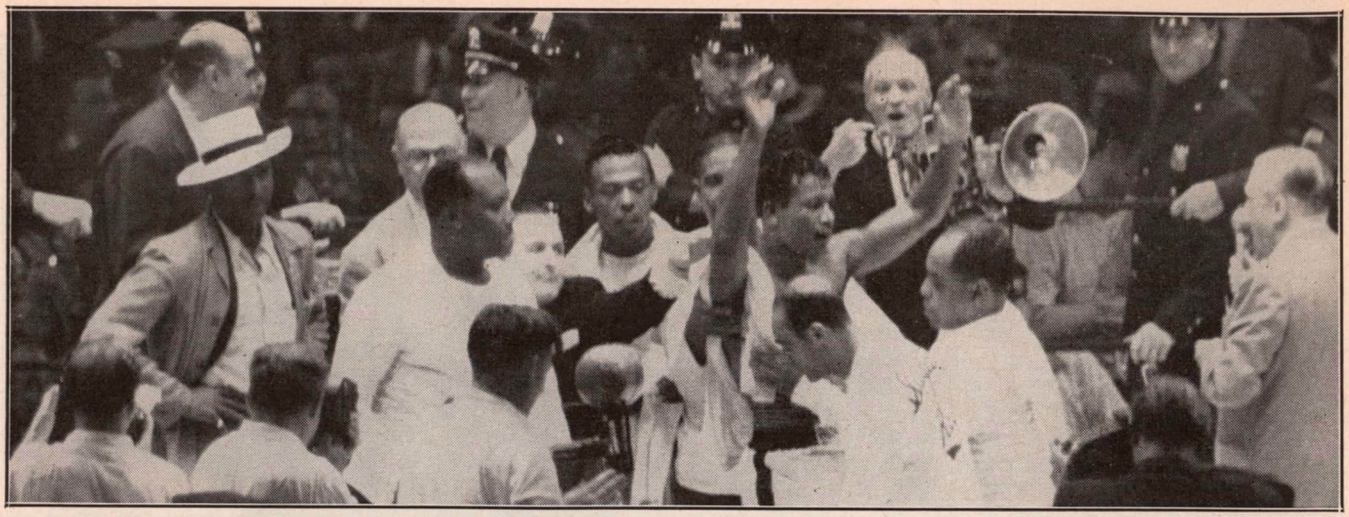


SPOT the BONER

By BEN OLAN

There are 10 errors. Rate yourself on this basis: 8 or more—Champ. 5 to 7—Contender; 3 to 5—Good Prospect; Less than 3—Little Promise. Take one away from your final score if you tabbed a mistake which actually was fact. Here goes:

PHANTOM broadcast of the second Ray Robinson-Randy Turpin middleweight championship bout. The date was September 12, 1951, the scene the Polo grounds in New York.

"Good evening boxing fans. We're speaking to you from the Polo Grounds in New York where middleweight champion Randy Turpin of Great Britain is about to take on Ray Robinson of New York, the former 160 pound king. It was a year ago in this same ring that Turpin pulled one of boxing's biggest upsets by taking the title from Sugar Ray on a 15 round decision.

"The boys are entering the ring. Robinson will have a three pound weight advantage. He weighed in at 160½ to 157½ for the Britisher.

"Ring announcer Johnny Addie is about to make some introductions. I can see Barney Ross . . . there's heavyweight champ Joe Louis . . . and in a couple of minutes we'll be all set to go. About 65,000 fans are here and on the strength of his first victory Turpin has been established a 7-5 favorite. . . .

"We're coming up for round 11. Robinson appears to have had a decided advantage in the first 10 rounds and that cut over Turpin's left eye is giving the British fighter plenty of trouble.

"There's the bell. Robinson tears out of his corner and scores with a left to the head and once again the deep cut over Turpin's left eye is open. Robinson smashes a left and right and then another left and right combination to Turpin's head. Robinson gets over a smashing right to Randy's jaw and the champion is down. The count is six . . . seven . . . eight . . . nine . . . Turpin is up at the count of nine.

"Turpin looks groggy. Robinson tears in again and pounds away with a right to the head. Another right to the jaw drops Turpin in his own corner. Randy is up at the count of two but referee Ruby Goldstein steps in and it's all over. It's Sugar Ray by a TKO. (For the records it will read KO).

"Here's the time—two minutes and 52 seconds. So Robinson regains the title he won from Kid Gavilan and then lost to Turpin. For Randy it ended the shortest reign in middleweight history.

What were the ten boners in that broadcast? They follow:

1. It was only two months before that Turpin beat Robinson, (not a year).
2. The first fight was in London, (not in New York).
3. Robinson could not have weighed 160½. The maximum could have been only 160, the middleweight limit. Actually each weighed 157½.
4. Joe Louis was not the heavyweight champ at that time. He retired in 1949 and tried an unsuccessful comeback in 1950.
5. Turpin was not a 7-5 favorite. Sugar Ray was 11-5.
6. The final round was the 10th, (not the 11th).
7. Sugar Ray did not have a decided advantage until the climatic round. Actually, Referee Goldstein had it even, and the judges had Robinson only slightly in front.
8. Turpin did not have a bad cut over his left eye. It was Robinson who was bleeding and that apparently turned him into a tiger.
9. Turpin was down only once in the final round, (not twice).
10. Robinson originally won the crown by defeating Jake LaMotta, (not kid Gavilan).

New Faces

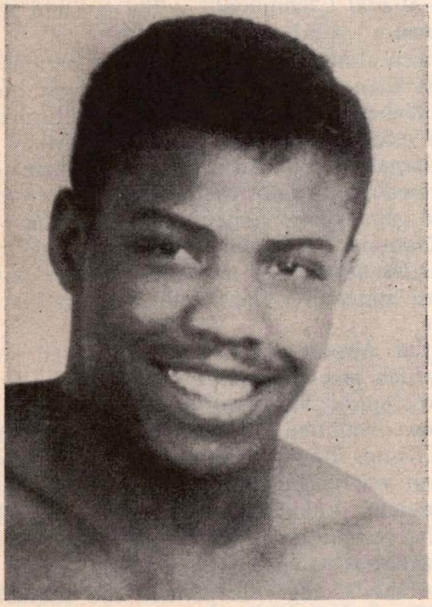
BY FRED EISENSTADT

DAVE BAILEY

HANDSOME, beautifully built and powerful—that's heavyweight Dave Bailey. Add to it the fact that he can box—and has a punch and you have a good prospect. Weighing 195 pounds, the 6-1½ belter boasts of nine knockouts and 2 decisions in his eleven pro fights.

Born on Jan. 16, 1933, in Independence, Kansas, Bailey attended High School there. *"I always liked boxing,"* informs Dave. *"So, in the Marines—which I joined in 1953—I began to spar, winning 27 of twenty-eight contests; also capturing the 3rd Marine Division and South-West Command heavyweight titles. Now, aside from boxing, I work as a plasterer for the West Philadelphia Contracting Co."*

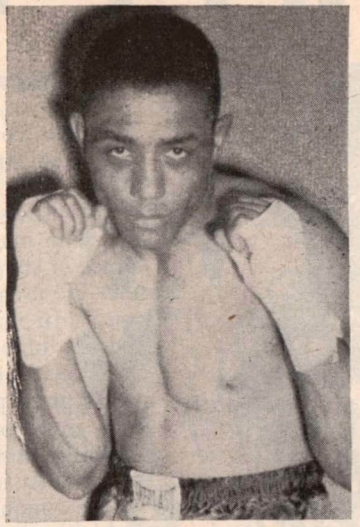
Al Beranto, well-to-do-grocer, turned Bailey over to Eddie Giosa, former boxer, to manage him. *"And Giosa has been doing a grand job of it,"* vouched Al Braverman, who handles Dave.



Dave Bailey, a heavyweight fighting out of Philadelphia, Pa., shapes up as a youngster with a good future.

Married 3 years, and residing in Philly, the dynamite-fisted fighter likes football, swimming and dancing. His favorite food: steaks and greens. Son of a Santa Fe railroad worker, Bailey has one sister.

"Dave is serious about boxing," says Giosa, *"because he realizes he has the skill and wallop not only to succeed at it but to become the next heavyweight champion. There's no fear in Dave; he saw real action in Korea and Japan."*



Genorace Armstrong, no relation to "Henry," but a lad who hopes to emulate his famous idol, is a good-looking lightweight prospect.

DANNY WILSON

HANDSOME enough to be a movie star lightweight Danny Wilson is willing to have his classic features marred to gain the top pugilistically. He's proven it every time he entered the ring by his aggressive mitt tossing. *"My long reach,"* says Danny, who is 5-9, *"helps me keep my opponents at bay. Marv Jenson, my manager, is teaching me how to jab and hook with my left, to bang with my right—and all the other ring tricks."*

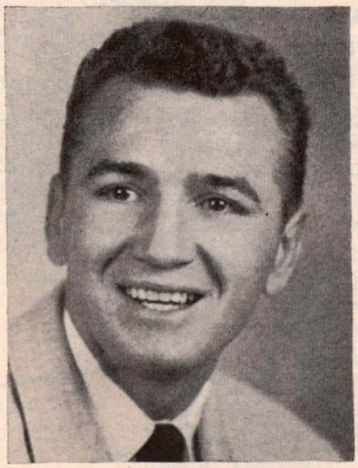
Born in Senath, Mo., on July 23, 1934, and now living in West Jordan, Utah he has one brother and one sister. Wilson is attending the University of Utah. . . . Served 2 years in the Army, where he did some boxing and won the featherweight title.

"I began using boxing gloves as a kid," explains the pleasant youth, *"because several of my relatives had been boxers. I entered the amateurs in 1952, winning 25 of thirty contests."*

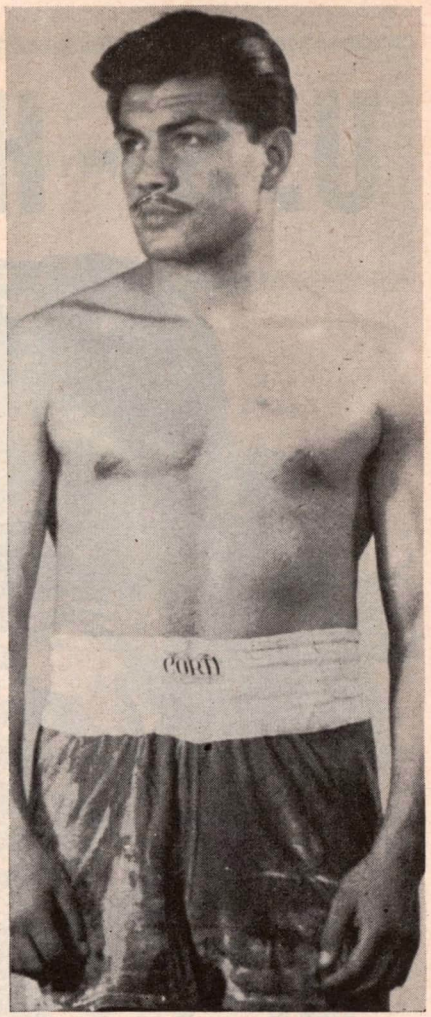
Danny helps his father, who operates a grocery store.

Turning pro on April, 1955, he won 6—four of them by KO—losing one decision. *"Wilson should develop into a good welterweight,"* says Marv Jenson, who brought out such worthies as heavyweight Rex Layne, and middleweight contender Gene Fullmer.

Angelo Curley trains Danny Wilson.



Another lightweight showing promise is "Handsome" Danny Wilson of West Jordan, Utah.



Alex Miteff, heavyweight from the Argentine who has been highly touted by scribes from South America.

ALEX MITEFF

IN his first pro fight—and his initial showing in this country—heavyweight Alex Miteff showed the fistic followers a brand of boxing that was thought to be a forgotten art when he defeated Bob O'Brien at Madison Square Garden in six rounds on the Patterson-Jackson card. Swift as a lightweight, the handsome South American

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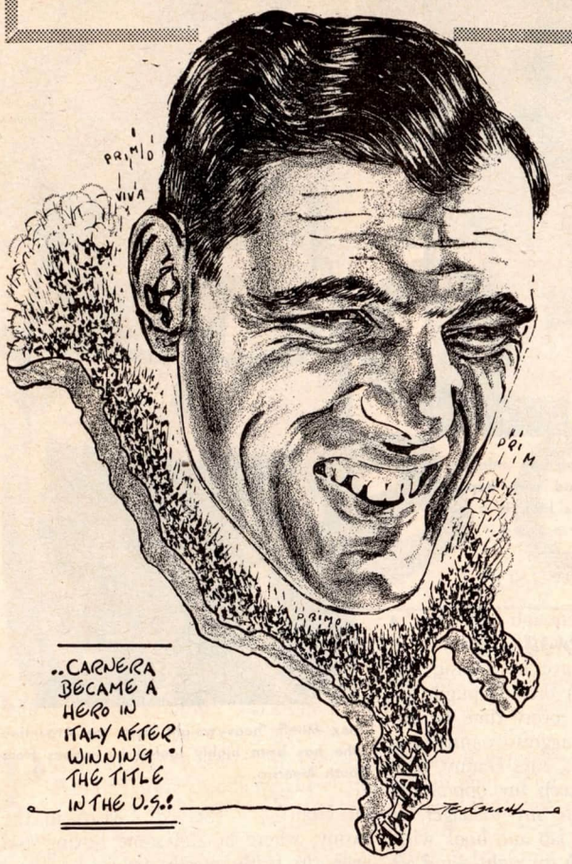
U. S.-HAPPY HUNTING



IN our country, American world boxing champions are taken strictly in stride. When a U. S. boxer wins a world title there are local celebrations of varying degrees of joyousness, but nation-wide demonstrations are unheard of. The main reason, of course, has been the over abundance of stateside titleholders, with the result that over here they are usually regarded with the contempt born of familiarity. In many cases criticism rather than acclamation is the lot of a U. S. titlist in his own land unless he is gifted with most extraordinary ability or has some other rare type of public appeal.

In other parts of the world this isn't true. A returning pugilist setting foot on his native land as a world champion for the first time, is showered with all the traditional honors of the conquering hero. An emotional explosion triggered by nationalism shakes the country. The happiness binge is given added zest by the hero's conquest, usually having taken place in the faraway United States and over a representative of that colossus-like country. The whole national morale is inflated by the boxer's deeds and regardless of what happens to him later on the effect is lasting.

"We *have had a World Champion!*" is the cry and its echoes never die down.

There has never been a more striking example of national pride over a pugilist than when Marcel Cerdan won the world's middleweight championship in 1948. He returned to France to face a reception bordering on fanaticism.

"*Cerdan le Magnifique*", resounded throughout France as the war weary, shattered country not too long released from German occupation, gained new hope from this achievement of a French National in the ring. Adding lustre to Cerdan's victory was the manner of its doing—a knockout victory in the United States over the formidable American champion Tony Zale.

The throng at the Airport when Cerdan arrived in Paris rivalled that which greeted Lindberg when he made his epical flight in 1927. Then followed a tour of triumph down the Champs Elysees during which Cerdan's car was engulfed time and again by frenetic Frenchmen who overwhelmed the restraining gendarmes in their wild eagerness to touch the returned hero.

Only Georges Carpentier, the original Glamour Boy of the ring, matched Cerdan in popularity among his people, and he also won a world title in an American ring. Gorgeous Georges won the world's lightheavyweight championship in Jersey City from Battling Levinsky way back in 1920 but the Orchid Man was already such a national idol in France, this was almost anti-climatic.

Two other French boxers have won world crowns in the U. S. In 1923 unlucky Eugene Criqui won the world featherweight title from greying Johnny Kilbane in New York City, but never experienced the thrill of a hero's welcome since he dropped it to Johnny Dundee,

GROUNDS

By Ted Carroll

who had rated as No. 1 contender to Kilbane for ten long years, less than two months later.

Criqui had been badly hurt in the first World War. His lower jaw had been rebuilt by bone grafting and he was widely admired in the U. S. due to lingering sentiments of World War I. Many Americans felt unhappy about Criqui's short tenure as champion even though Dundee was a great public favorite. They felt the little French war hero should have been permitted to enjoy the fruits of victory and the adulation accorded a world champion by his own people a little longer.

Gamester Andre Routis became the third Frenchman to win a world's championship over here in 1928 when he won the feather title from Tony Canzoneri. Although he beat one of the best of the modern boxers, to win the crown, Routis evidently lost something in that bout for he was not the same fighter after it.

Successful up to then, he couldn't win as champion, finally losing the title to Bat Battalino in Hartford, Conn., a year later. That was the match in which foxy Pete Reilly, manager of Routis, started the bout behind the little Frenchman, but popped up in the winner—Battalino's—corner when the decision was announced.

Twenty years slipped by before the United States saw the crowning of another French fistic kingpin, and this proved to be Cerdan, whose good looks, pleasing style and courtly manner meshed with his ability to make him not only one of France's greatest sports idols but also a great favorite in the country where he won his title—the United States.

The tragic Cedran lost his crown to Jake LaMotta a year after winning it due to an arm injury, in Detroit. A year later, 1950, in the same city, another French middleweight, Laurent Dauthuille, suffered an equally tough break, when way ahead on points in the final round of a title match with LaMotta, whom he had previously outpointed in Montreal, he was knocked out by Jake with just thirteen seconds remaining.

The same year 1950, stocky, rugged Robert Villemain, engaged in what was dubbed a middleweight championship by the boxing commission of the State of Pennsylvania, when he tangled with Sugar Ray Robinson in Philadelphia. Fight authorities and commissions had become fed up with LaMotta's evasion of Sugar Ray and Villemain, who had beaten Jake in the Garden, so the Penn Commission, seeking to depose the reluctant bull from the Bronx, had sanctioned the match between these two as being for the 160 lb. title.

Although he lost a fifteen round decision, the game and durable Robert, employing a turtle-like defense and a stout heart to good effect, gave an excellent account of himself. This was the closest Robert ever came to a title bout in this country.

On the whole, foreign fighters have little to complain about when it comes to stateside opportunities. We need look no further than the career of Primo Carnera, for ample proof of this. No American fighter was ever so deviously maneuvered into the big championship as was the one time bare-footed bumpkin from Sequals, Italy. Carnera became heavyweight champion of the world in New York City, back in 1933, when Boston Jack Sharkey suddenly collapsed to the canvas in the sixth round of a title fight.

Primo was hailed on all sides by his countrymen, from Benito Mussolini, right on down, when he returned to Sunny Italy wearing the crown and four months later, October 22, 1933, became the first heavyweight titlist to defend the championship on European soil since Jack Johnson faced Frank Moran in Paris nineteen years before. Before an appreciative Roman crowd he battered old Paolino Uzcudun to a lop sided fifteen round decision.

Max Schmeling was another continental boxer who found the pot of title gold at the end of a stateside rainbow. His yelps of foul made him champion of the world in New York's Yankee Stadium back in 1930, when the officials upheld his claim that a Jack Sharkey's body blow had strayed out of bounds.

In all fairness to the German, his loss of the title to this same Sharkey was equally controversial. There were just as many who disagreed with the decision which gave Sharkey the title in the old Madison Square Garden Bowl,

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Nat FLEISCHER *says:*

Italy Has another World Champion in D'Agata; N.B.A. To Adopt 5 Points System; Moore Employs plan used by Tommy Burns.

D'AGATA-MACIAS BOUT IS NOW TOP MATCH

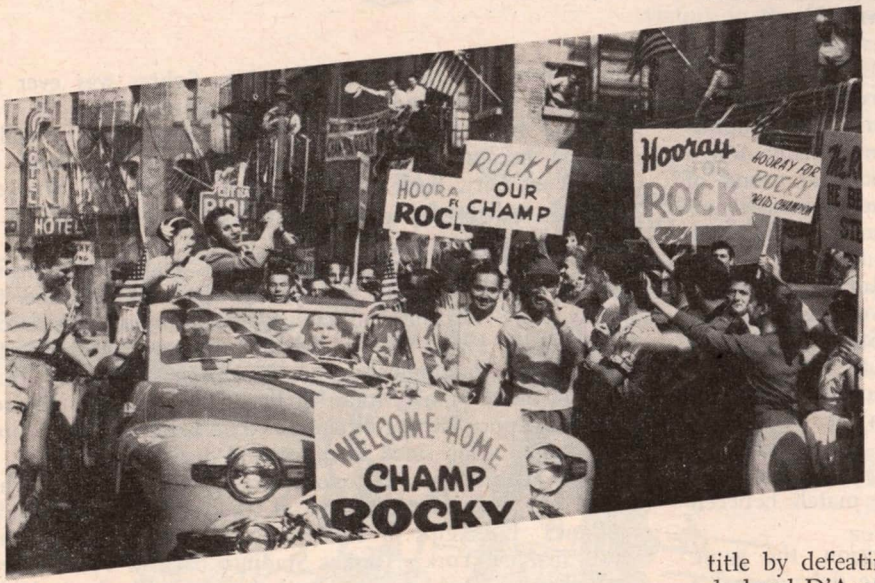
FOR the first time since June 29, 1933, when Primo Carnera stopped Jack Sharkey in the sixth round in the Garden Bowl in Long Island City, a native Italian has won a world boxing crown. When Mario D'Agata, long favored in the "**Ring Magazine**" ratings as a top challenger, stopped Robert Cohen of France in the sixth round in the huge Foro Italico Soccer Stadium of Rome, he won the world bantamweight crown, notwithstanding the claim of the National Boxing Association that the honor belongs to Raton Macias of Mexico. A match between this pair would go over big across the Rio Grande where Macias is extremely popular and would put an end to the dual title claims, a condition created by the NBA for no sane reason other than to play ball with the IBC in the promotion of a contest in Mexico City.

The defeat of Cohen was not a surprise due to his physical condition and inactivity. Both he and his conqueror had suffered injuries, Cohen through an auto accident and D'Agata, in a shooting, but the Italian, unlike his opponent, worked himself back into perfect condition after recuperating by taking on many opponents. He fought ten times last year, ending his campaign with the vacant European bantam title in his possession after defeating Andre Valignat of France on a foul in five rounds, and then he added three more contests to his tune-up campaign this year before tackling Cohen for the crown. Robert had only two—he drew in 15 with Willie Toweel in Johannesburg and was stopped by Cherif Hamia in ten last year.

In the final test, D'Agata proved the stronger, sturdier and faster of the two and he displayed harder hitting as is evidenced by the nine count knockdown Cohen suffered just before the sixth round ended. Then, with a deep cut over his eye to add to his discomfiture, he was shorn of his crown when Referee Teddy Waltham of England, who had officiated in the Bangkok fight in which Cohen won the world title by defeating Chamrern Songkitrat, called a halt and declared D'Agata the new champion.

On the night after the bout in Rome, Pascual Perez of Argentine, world flyweight king, retained his throne by stopping Oscar Suarez of Cuba in the eleventh round in Montevideo. With conditions unstable in his own country, Perez is now prepared to accept an offer from Jack Solomons to box Dai Dower of Wales in London.

Col. Harvey Miller, former N.B.A. President, who inaugurated the 10 points Must System which will be abandoned at convention in Cuba.



A scene from "Somebody Up There Likes Me," the story of Rocky Graziano which is a welcome change from the usual pattern set in boxing films.

Almost a year ago Pascual's manager had agreed to terms for such a contest but after stopping Yoshio Shirai in Tokyo in their return affair, Perez returned to Buenos Aires and called off the Dower match. Suarez was Perez's second victim this year.

A few weeks ago the Argentinian gained a decision in fifteen rounds over Leo Espinosa of Manila. Pascual is a strong lad who, if he faces Dower, should come through with another triumph.

BOXING REMAINS A TARGET FOR POLITICIANS

Belgium boxing, both amateur and professional, received a severe setback when the Parliamentary Committee in charge of government entertainment programs voted unanimously for the bill under which wrestling is to be banned as *"an undesirable, vicious sport"* and boxing is to be regulated on a basis which makes international matches prohibitive. This, despite the precautions for the welfare of the participants taken by boxing commissions throughout the world and the support the sport has received from the European Boxing Union's Medical Advisory Board.

Under the Belgium bill, boxing gloves must have at least three centimeters of foam rubber protecting the knuckles and the boxers must wear foam rubber abdomen protectors in addition to the foam rubber protective cup. Those who are opposed to the Parliamentary Committee's bill predict that if passed at the next session, it will kill both boxing and wrestling since boxers are very much opposed to the conditions prescribed.

We agree. The E. B. U. won't allot any title fights to Belgium nor will foreign boxers permit themselves to be hampered by such regulations.

On the day that the Belgium Parliament measure was reported, a government Parliamentary group in Colombo, Ceylon, offered a proposal to prohibit boxing in Ceylon as a dangerous sport, after the death of Raymond Perera, a customs officer who died following an amateur bout. Junior Minister for Sports, K. M. Rajaratne, branded boxing as a *"barbarous sport"* but Minister of Education, W. Dahanayake, took issue with him in supporting boxing as *"a good, vigorous sport that prepares the youth for emergencies."*

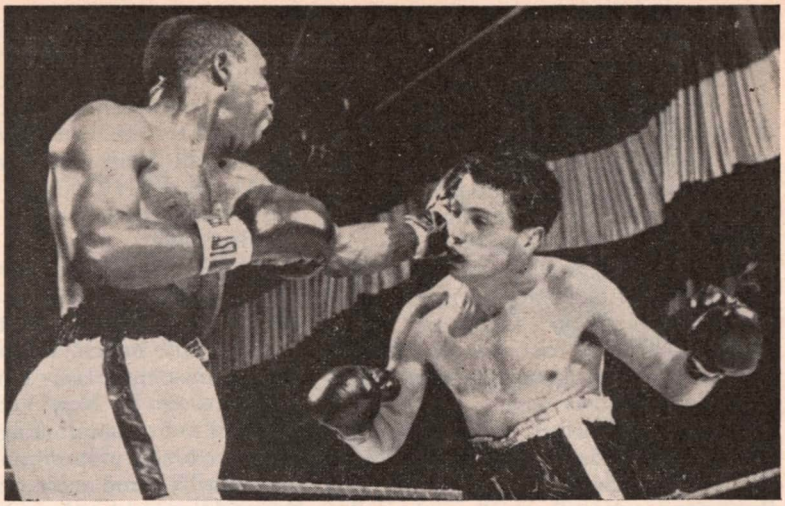
Opposing Senator Raparantne, he said:

"I don't think boxing is barbarous. One expects accidents to happen in all contact sports and to ban boxing, would deprive our people of good entertainment and our youth of a sport that aids to develop keenness of mind, quickness of eyes and courage—three excellent assets."

Our compliments to Mr. Dahanayake for his true perception of the value of boxing.

Our answer to those who seek to ban the sport is to note its popularity among service men of all countries and the deep interest they are displaying in the Olympic Games. About eighty percent of the boxers of the world who will be representing their nation in the Melbourne boxing tournament, will be men of the armed forces. If boxing were *"barbarous"* or endangered the health of those who follow it, I doubt that our government and those of other countries, would encourage it as a major sport for service men.

Accidents will happen. If we were to bar all activity where injury might occur we'd all be sitting on our backsides, a condition which, unfortunately, is gaining in popularity.



Carmelo Costa, (right), found his master in Ike Chestnut when the pair met in Washington and Ike stopped his man in the eighth round after Carmelo, rated fourth, was floored with a left to the side of the head. The victory gained a ranking spot for Chestnut.

POINT SCORING SYSTEM TOPS IN N.B.A. AGENDA

When the National Boxing Association convenes for its annual meeting in Havana, Cuba, early this month, the chief topic on the agenda will be the proposal to change from a ten points scoring system to five points, the adoption of which would bring about a uniform code for America and Europe. This system has been in use in England and continental Europe for many years and has been found very satisfactory. If the NBA shuns its ten points scoring code for the European system, then New York, according to Julius Helfand, Chairman, may decide to go along in order to bring about a universal method of scoring, despite the fact that the round-by-round tally augmented by the four points per round scoring has proved satisfactory.

The present method of deciding a contest in all states that are members of the National Boxing Association, and that includes countries affiliated with it—is "the ten points must system" in which ten points are awarded the winner and a fractional part of ten to the loser. This is a cumbersome method that has frequently resulted either in long waits for a decision to be announced or in blunders that have created considerable confusion, mostly due to the arithmetic required in obtaining the total. It has been found that while a judge may be most competent in handling his job, he is not so good in totaling his figures. That is the chief reason why the boxing moguls seek a change.

IT'S COL. MILLER'S BABY: SEEKS TO RETAIN SYSTEM

Col. Harvey Miller, former president of the NBA and for many years head of the Washington D. C. Commission, takes issues with those seeking the change. In a message to **The Ring**, Col. Miller, writes:

"It is noted in the pages of your publication that a nation-wide uniform scoring system is urgently recommended for the sake of uniformity and a simplification of tallying the total points at the end of a contest. I note the criticism you and many others have made concerning the "10 points Must system" which I introduced into professional boxing after it was used successfully in the colleges. I invented that system and think there is none better or its equal. It has the advantages of employing numbers enough to provide sufficient leeway for close decisions.

"You and other critics say that there is too much arithmetic in it.

"Too much arithmetic? Officials are asked to be able to count to ten. Without intending to be facetious, may I ask, should an official who cannot employ ten digits be an official?

"In a round by round system as used in New York, where a boxer wins or loses a round, the closest one can score is a 100 percent

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a "hoodoo" spot in which no champion ever successfully defended a title, as there were those who thought he got an undeserved break in winning the title originally.

Schmeling's American campaigns made him the outstanding sports figure ever produced in Germany, even though the Nazi nastiness of the era polluted his popularity in other parts of Europe and over here.

A rarely recalled bout between Adolph Heuser and Maxie Rosenbloom in Madison Square Garden twenty-three years ago, still stands as the only title match in which a German has participated over here, besides Schmeling. This was a match fought under most unusual circumstances. It came during a period when the American economy was at its lowest ebb in history in this fabled land of plenty. Long bread lines serpentined through the streets of every city; unemployment was at an all time peak and the situation was so grave that on March 9, 1933, President Roosevelt ordered the closing of all banks. The very next evening, March 10th, Heuser fought Maxie Rosenbloom for the light heavyweight championship of the world. And what happened?

With the great American nation apparently on the brink of economic collapse, fight fans flocked into Madison Square Garden, paying some $15,000 to see a boxing match.

Only one British boxer has ever won a championship in America in the so-called modern era of boxing, if Bob Fitzsimmons is excepted. This isn't because they didn't get the chance, since English fighters of merit are very popular in America. Only last year Empire Champion Don Cockell faced Rocky Marciano for the world crown in San Francisco.

Ted Moore, Jock McAvoy, Jack Kid Berg, Tommy Farr and Seaman Watson were all fine fighters who failed in the title quest over here. Ted Kid Lewis came through when he beat clever Jack Britton in 20 rounds in Dayton, O., way back in 1917 to win the welterweight title.

Tommy Farr made a surprisingly stubborn showing against Joe Louis in Joe's first defense of the heavyweight crown in 1937 but Joe was still a bit too much for the rock-ribbed, granite-chinned Welshman.

Berg had pasted the daylights out of Tony Canzoneri in the most one-sided defeat this outstanding boxer had ever suffered early in 1930, but a year later he was a three-round kayo victim when he made his bid for Tony's lightweight title in Chicago.

McAvoy knocked out Babe Risko, the American claimant to the middleweight title, in a round, couldn't make the 160 pound limit, then made a determined try for the light heavyweight title against John Henry Lewis in the Garden on March 13, 1936, but John Henry was too big and too smart for the belting Britisher.

In 1933 Britain's feather champ Seaman Watson met the classy Kid Chocolate in the New York State version of a feather title match, and made it quite close against the Flashy Cuban. Thirty-two years ago in New York, the great Harry Greb found England's Ted Moore a tough proposition before edging out a 15 round decision over him for the middleweight title.

Paolino Uzcudun of Spain, squat Basque wood chopper, came closest to fighting for a championship the night he met Schmeling for the right to face Sharkey for Gene Tunney's discarded crown back in 1929. Schmeling won handily although Paolino had been quite successful against the leading U. S. heavies up to that time.

Although it was for the featherweight title—Ray Famechon, a good little fighter at the time—really was handed a puzzler for his very first effort in America. Ray was called upon to solve the razzle-dazzle and trickeries of Willie Pep, the all time master of that sort of thing. Completely befuddled for the first half of the fight, Famechon caught on somewhat as the bout progressed, and was doing quite well at the finish, although the loser of this featherweight championship fight in the Garden on Mar. 17, 1950.

It begins to look as though French Algerian Cherif Hamia will be the next overseas battler to get a chance at a championship in this hemisphere. He is at this writing tentatively matched with Sandy Saddler for the 126 pound title. He is the latest in a long line of foreign invaders who have found the States a happy-hunting-ground.

WHY MOORE WILL BE NEXT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP

(*Continued from page 7*)

My guess is that he will.

I pick him as the next world heavyweight king.

An analysis of the styles of each, their fighting qualities and a comparison of their physical status, give my reasons for picking Archie Moore as the next heavyweight to ascend the throne on which have sat such ring Immortals as James J. Corbett, James J. Jeffries, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jack Johnson, Jack Dempsey, and Joe Louis among others.

Let's start with the ages.

Definitely this will be a battle between youth and old age, a contest between a lad who has not yet reached his twenty-first birthday and one who, by his own reckoning, will be 41 years old in December but according to his mother, will be forty-four. If we are to accept the age of Jersey Joe Walcott as official, then Moore will be far older than any boxer since Corbett defeated Sullivan, who entered the ring in quest of the world heavyweight title.

Youth is usually served, hence those who figure on age as the biggest problem facing Archie, have much in their favor.

Next comes experience.

In that field there isn't a fighter who has faced so many tough opponents in four divisions as has Moore. As light heavyweight he fought his way to the top the hard way, knocking off the cream of the contenders for many years before he was granted the opportunity to fight for the crown.

Patterson, as both a light heavyweight and a heavyweight, has, with few exceptions, faced ordinary opposition. His major opponents were Joey Maxim to whom he lost a questionable decision in 8 rounds; Jimmy Slade, whom he twice defeated, once by decision and again by a knockout; Willie Troy, whom he stopped in five; Archie McBride who was halted in seven; and Hurricane Jackson whom he decisioned in 12 rounds.

Compare that opposition to the name fighters Moore faced. He not only whipped the best men in the division over which he rules, but has taken the measure of almost every heavyweight who at one time or another figured as a heavyweight contender. Twice he defeated Nino Valdes when the Cuban was well up in the ratings. He knocked out Bob Baker when Bob was ranked close to the top.

In defense of his light heavyweight title he stopped Pompey, Harold Johnson, Bobo Olson and twice beat Joey Maxim and in his challenge to Marciano, he was stopped in nine rounds after dropping Rocky and giving an excellent performance.

His performances in the two top divisions give him a big margin. He has fought top men in four divisions over a stretch of twenty-one years and is still a danger to any opponent.

In ring science, Moore has the edge on his opponent. He is clever, excellent as a defensive boxer and is a splendid counter puncher.

Floyd Patterson possesses science and can evade punches through elusiveness, but thus far he has not been sufficiently tested to ascertain his durability, a phase which Archie has dropped considerably in the past two years. At this stage of his career Moore cannot rely too much on going the route in a fifteen rounds bout.

He is a far more powerful hitter than is Patterson and it is this quality that should enable him to win the world crown. It is what he will have to depend upon far more than any other quality he possesses.

Now let's tackle the fighting qualities of each.

When the British pointed to the huge margin Pompey had over Moore in the first eight rounds they failed to take into consideration a vital factor—the weight problem. In the London bout Archie took off thirty-two pounds in three and a half weeks and on the morning of the contest, to make the weight in order not to lose the title on the scales, Moore was forced to spend four hours in a steam room to lose a pound and a half.

Against Patterson he won't have to worry about this unnatural procedure. He will come in at 186 pounds, as he informed me, and will be at what he now regards as his natural weight. He'll have no worries, no problems and therefore won't have to pace himself as he did in England.

There he was forced to conserve his strength and because of the cleverness of his opponent, it wasn't an easy matter to go after a haymaker from the start. With his full strength, his stamina at its best, there will be no need to conserve energy. He'll be in a position to go all out at any time which should make him dangerous.

That wasn't true in the Pompey bout in which not until the ninth round did he regain his strength to speed matters along, rush his opponent about the ring, batter him almost at will and end the battle with a freshness that amazed the onlookers. While Pompey was all in, Moore, speaking over the microphone, breathed lightly and acted so unconcerned, one couldn't believe he had almost lost his crown.

When Patterson faces Moore, he will find a far different Archie than the champ as he appeared in London.

The fact that Archie won't have to make any weight, gives him a big advantage over Floyd who will come in about ten pounds below the weight of Archie, another disadvantage when facing a heavy hitter.

ART ARAGON— HATE MADE HIM RICH

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"Why, I didn't thumb my nose at the customers! I was kissing my hand —blowing kisses at 'em. Maybe I missed my aim a little and had my glove up higher than I thought."

There was no investigation, no fine, no suspension.

No doubt about it, Aragon is one of the best-known men in California today. Not only because of his ring activities—he has appeared in half a dozen movies—with Audie Murphy in *"To Hell And Back"*, with Bob Hope in *"Off Limits"*, and others. He was on TV with Spring Byington in *"December Bride"*; In that skit he played the role of a stage-struck pugilist. Among his lines was Hamlet's soliloquy, which he delivered with hammy enthusiasm —and stole the show. *"Being a ham comes natural"*, he admitted, later.

Not long ago he appeared on *"Juke Box Jury"*, a popular TV program. He ad-libbed with the best of 'em.

Aragon is glib of tongue. He has a sense of humor, gets off many a wise crack. Around the gymnasium the boys think he's a "pop-off". Maybe so, but he has authored some gems which found their way into newspaper columns, even though the columnists used same unwillingly.

Critics say Aragon is too cocky, too arrogant, too sure of himself. Well, as to that: what was that famous saying attributed to the great John L. Sullivan?—*"I can lick any so-and-so in the house!"* Only he didn't say so-and-so.

Sullivan's reputation didn't suffer because of that oft-repeated, widely-quoted statement. Nor was there too much criticism about Tony Galento's well-known *"I'll moider de bum!"* The Sullivan and Galento utterances were called "characteristic".

It would be unjust to Aragon if no concrete example of his drawing-power was placed in evidence.

Back in the summer of 1954, Art Aragon and Vince Martinez, at Hollywood Ball Park, grossed $130,262.

Now, at that time, Aragon was rated No. 9 in the welterweight division; Martinez, though he had knocked out Chuck Davey a couple of months earlier, was not even included among the top ten in the rankings.

But they grossed $130,262.

Now, compare that with other gates in that division. When Kid Gavilan lost his title to Johnny Saxton in Philadelphia, the gross gate was $57,-121. When Tony De Marco snatched that same title from Saxton in Boston, the gross was $68,716. Both Philadelphia and Boston were blacked out, remember.

When Bobo Olson fought Joey Maxim in San Francisco at the Cow Palace—one a champion, the other an ex-champ—the gross was about $108,-000. And that was a "hot" match; the winner was slated to meet Archie Moore.

At this writing, Aragon is engaged in a campaign, seeking to force Sugar Ray Robinson into a title fight. The newly-appointed State Athletic Commission of California turned thumbs down on the match in their first official meeting. They have nixed the bout in a subsequent get together.

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On TV—See the Wednesday Night Fights

Had the fight gone on it seems probable that it would have drawn $350,-000, maybe even a $500,000 gate in Los Angeles.

Art Aragon need have no worries about the future. He can get all the motion picture and TV work that he wants. He is still a long way from finished, as a fighter, despite the fact that he has been in there since 1944.

Last year—1955—Aragon had eight fights: he won seven, five by knockouts and lost one. That was to Joe Miceli and it is a miracle that Aragon was able to go the full ten rounds. Early in the fight, somewhere prior to Round 4, Aragon stumbled and fell upon his ankle. Medical examination, after the fight, showed that there was a clean fracture—his right ankle was swollen twice its normal size.

Had Aragon elected to toss in the towel, after such a mishap, who would have blamed him? Yet he insisted on fighting on, with only one leg under him.

Early this year, Aragon's contract with Manager Jimmy Roche expired, and Art announced that henceforth he'd manage his own affairs. He hired wordy, windy Harvey Knox, father of the UCLA footballer, Ronnie Knox—but that didn't last long. It didn't figure.

In July, Aragon went back with Jimmy Roche, informing the world that Roche would act as his "adviser". But it will be Art who'll make the final decision on all important matters.

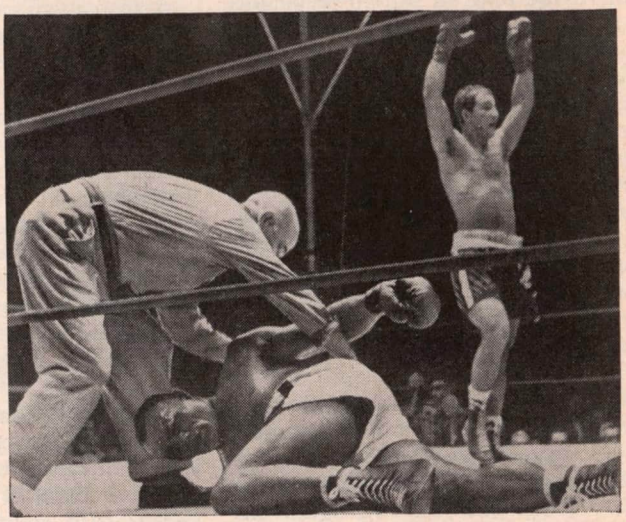
One thing about this guy—he may irritate you; he may arouse your anger; he may goad you to the point where you want to throw things at him.

But one thing is certain: he never bores you.

Come to think of it, that's pretty high praise. And maybe I'd better ring off here, before I bore you.

TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK



Rocky Marciano raises his hands in victory sign as he halts Jersey Joe Walcott in less than one round in Chicago in 1953. This was the last world heavyweight championship bout seen on home TV and brought $300,000 for television and radio rights. With the new World Series baseball contract signed heavyweight title bouts of the future may sell for as high as $500,000.

WITH the recently announced new contract, whereby the National Broadcasting Company bought the radio and television rights to the World Series and All-Star baseball games for a total of $16,250,000 for five years, more than one eyebrow in the fight game was interestedly raised.

The rate of $3,250,000 a year, which becomes effective next year, is almost three times the previous annual toll of $1,150,000 to bring the contests to home viewers. The Gillette Safety Razor Company will continue to sponsor the games. Under the contract that expires this year, the company had held the rights to broadcast them and had farmed them out to NBC-TV and Mutual Broadcasting System radio.

Under the new arrangement, NBC radio will take over from Mutual, which had broadcast the games since 1939 under Gillette's sponsorship.

Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick noted the tremendous increase in television receivers since the old contract was signed in 1951. He stressed that his office had received a number of offers competing with the network's bid.

Figuring a World Series on an average of 5 or 6 games, under the old contract each game brought about $200,000 which compared favorably with what an outstanding world heavyweight championship match brought for radio and TV rights. The record for a fight is $300,000 paid for the Rocky Marciano-Jersey Joe Walcott one rounder in Chicago in 1953. That was the last world heavyweight championship fight seen on home TV, all of them since being exclusively for theatre-TV.

Now with the new figure for World Series games any outstanding world heavyweight fight in the future will be in a stronger dickering position for TV and radio rights and we may see sponsors paying a half a million dollars for a single bout on home TV.

This new baseball contract will no doubt effect prices straight down the line, all TV'd title bouts and important matches, which warranted special deals, coming in for a larger portion, and create room for bargaining for the promoters when contract signing time comes up again for the Wednesday and Friday night sponsors.

WHAT'S THE SCORE?

Everyone talks about the whether—whether there is an advantage or not in trying to score a fight while viewing it on television or sitting at ringside but nobody ever does anything about it—not until now, that is.

An experiment was performed recently with the bouts televised over KHJ-TV from the Hollywood Legion Stadium, in an effort to come to some conclusion. Sid Ziff, Los Angeles Mirror-News sports editor, scored the fights while viewing the bouts on TV. He was connected by phone with sportscasters Jim Healey and Bob Kelley, at ringside.

At the beginning of each round, beginning with the preliminaries, Ziff gave his score and Healey and Kelley announced theirs.

"I think we see them better at ringside," said Healey.

Ziff maintains the TV fan gets an accurate picture, if not a better picture than a ringside fan, maintaining the TV lens can shift around and present a better all-around picture than a fan might get at ringside.

Two judges, sitting on opposite sides of the ring, often will completely disagree on their version of a bout and quite often the referee, right on top of the action, sees the bout differently from the judges.

Who gets the better view—the TV fan or the ringside customer? We'll string along with the TV fan for the simple reason that we don't know how you could squeeze some thirty million viewers into a couple of thousand seats. Actually the ringside viewer does have a better chance to score a fight more accurately than the videot because, while he doesn't have the benefit of camera angles which might give him different, better views of the fight he has the advantage of gauging the infighting better and valuing the telling effects of punches more accurately.

QUIET PLEASE! MEN AT WORK

A new "Studio TV Boxing" show was inaugurated on July 3, to be seen each Tuesday night over CKLW-TV in Detroit. In the first feature, Mickey Crawford, Saginaw, Mich., welterweight, extended his winning streak to eleven in a row by scoring a technical knockout over hard punching Larry McCartney of Toledo in the fifth round.

The card was the first of a new series of TV programs

under promoters Julius Piazza and Herbert (Hap) Tucker. A studio audience of 75 invited guests sat in air-conditioned comfort to watch the action.

Piazza, you will recall, for several years ran successful shows over WXYZ-TV and WWJ-TV from the Motor City Arena in Detroit. The last studio-TV boxing show was seen in the series over WEWS in Cleveland which resulted in a number of suits and counter-suits.

BETWEEN THE ACTS

From professional wrestler to feaured film star, we've heard it said, is not too long a jump. But probably people were being facetious when they made the comment.

Nevertheless, that a wrestling ring can be as auspicious a training ground for an actor as a dramatic school is convincingly attested to by brawny Don Blackman.

Blackman, who was light heavyweight wrestling champion of the world for seven years, attributes his current screen prominence to his twenty years as a grunt and groaner. The wrestler-actor explained his attitude between scenes recently with stars Alan Ladd and Rossana Podesta while at work on Warner Bros.' "Santiago," in which he plays the featured role of Sam, first mate aboard a gun running ship.

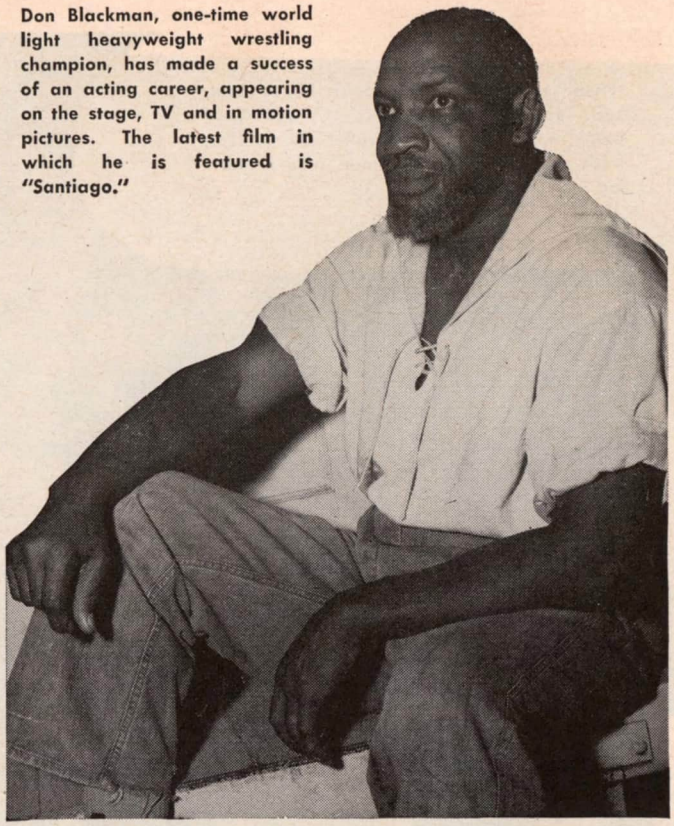
"During my many years in the ring I toured the world and met all types of people. This experience has been invaluable to me in giving varied screen portrayals."

Blackman, who was raised in Birmingham, Alabama, hopped a freight train to New York at the age of 17. To keep in shape he worked out at George Bothner's gymnasium for wrestlers on 42nd Street. Two months later he was a professional wrestler.

During his early years he wrestled such all-time greats as Strangler Lewis, Jim Londos and the Dusek brothers. Blackman, sometimes known as "The Black Orchid," is the only Negro ever to hold a world's wrestling title.

At one time he operated a gymnasium in New Hope, Pennsylvania, near the famous Bucks County Playhouse. Writers George Kaufman, Moss Hart and Budd Schulberg were among his clients. Blackman became interested in the theatre and enrolled as an apprentice.

After a training period he played the title role in "Emperor Jones" at the Playhouse and later did it on Broadway. This was followed by another Broadway production, "John Henry," in which he also starred. In those days he combined his mat histrionics with his emoting on the stage.



Don Blackman, one-time world light heavyweight wrestling champion, has made a success of an acting career, appearing on the stage, TV and in motion pictures. The latest film in which he is featured is "Santiago."

CHANNEL HOPPING . . . When CBS-TV's "Stand Up and Be Counted" program was put on the air one Friday recently who stood up but Sugar Ray Robinson, world middleweight champion, who left it up to the fans (but only for the sake of the program) whether he should continue fighting or re-retire.

Wednesday night TV fights (ABC-TV) added New Orleans to the coaxial cable. . . . The Friday night (NBC-TV) world lightweight title bout between Wallace (Bud) Smith and Joe Brown, on August 10, coming from New Orleans, will be blacked out locally.

A local black out proved ineffective and hurt the gate considerably on June 13 at Syracuse when Joey Giambra and Johnny Sullivan tangled. . . . The boys from Syracuse stayed home and viewed the fight anyway, picking it up on the Utica station, some sixty miles away.

WEEKLY TV BOXING SCHEDULE

CLUB	CITY	STATION	ANNOUNCER
	MONDAY		
ST. NICHOLAS ARENA	NEW YORK	DUMONT TV NETWORK	CHRIS SCHENKEL
	TUESDAY		
STUDIO	DETROIT	CKLW-TV	———
	WEDNESDAY		
*WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	ABC-TV NETWORK	JACK DREES
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XH-TV	JULIO SOTELO
	THURSDAY		
OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM	LOS ANGELES	KTLA-TV	GARRY GOODWIN
CAMBRIA A. C.	PHILADELPHIA	WPFH-TV	DEL PARKS
WINTERLAND ARENA	SAN FRANCISCO	KOVR-TV	WALT HARRIS
	FRIDAY		
‡CAVALCADE OF SPORTS	NEW YORK and OTHER CITIES	NBC-TV NETWORK	JIMMY POWERS
	SATURDAY		
LEGION STADIUM	HOLLYWOOD	KHJ-TV	BOB KELLEY and JIM HEALEY
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XEW-TV	PACO MALGESTO and ANTONIO ANDERE

‡ Also heard over the ABC Radio Network, Don Dunphy and Win Elliot, announcers.
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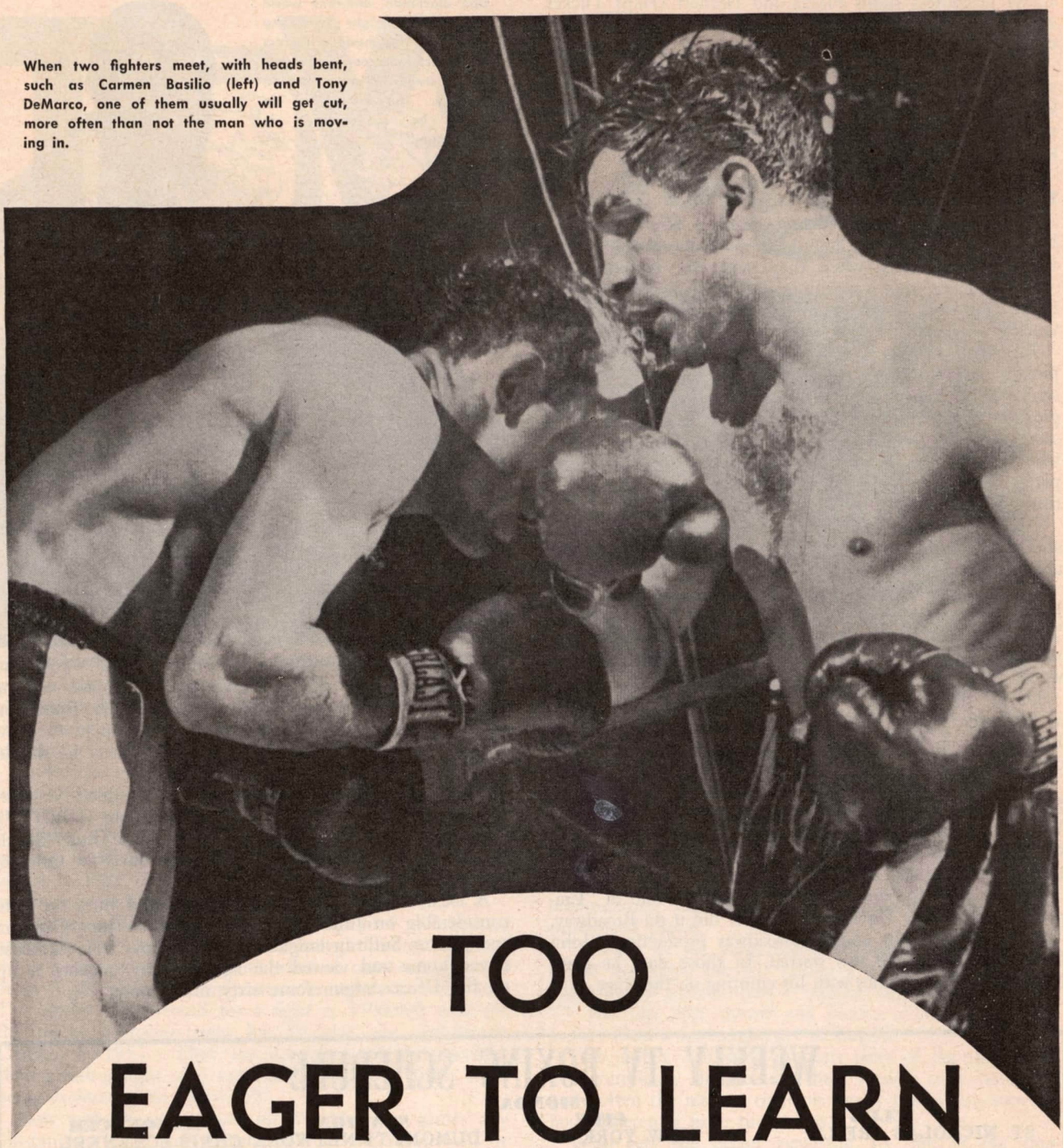


When two fighters meet, with heads bent, such as Carmen Basilio (left) and Tony DeMarco, one of them usually will get cut, more often than not the man who is moving in.

TOO EAGER TO LEARN

By LESTER BROMBERG

IMAGINE, if you can, a fellow who has put in half a dozen years studying astronomy, with the abiliy to tell you the light years to any half dozen distant planets, but who would be stumped if you asked to locate the Big Dipper.

Far fetched? Not really. Because a gent in that plight would be no different than the average young main event fighter of today. Our star-gazing double-dome probably missed the first chapter in his book. Similarly our modern fighters have skipped a basic section in learning their game.

Time and again you see it. There will be a lad who knows how to jab, hook, cross and counter. At long range, he'll glide around like a dream boat. But when it comes to infighting, he's at sea without a compass.

Why do they goof? It's a long story and interesting, too. Overall it is a combination of their own failings and of the changing times in the fight business.

"They're not willing to take the time to learn," reminded one veteran trainer, joining an informal discussion of the problem.

"Aw, it isn't their fault," insisted another handler, "they're under more pressure than the fighters of years ago."

"Pressure?" repeated the first trainer.

"Sure," said his conferee, "30 years ago or even 20 years ago a boxer was around four, five years before he got to be a main eventer. He'd have 50, 75 fights before we thought of putting him in a main event.

"Now there are boys who haven't boxed much more than two years, with maybe 20, 25 fights, who go in on top in TV fights. The demand for talent is greater than the supply. The promoters and matchmakers force a manager to move faster with a good kid than he wants to."

It is a vicious circle—the faster these new stars are made, the faster they are worn out.

But there is a remedy, according to Charley Rose, second to Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion around the time of World War I.

"All they need is a little patience. I could teach any of them how to fight on the inside. It's just a matter of how to move in and out of clinches."

HERE came a demonstration by Rose. He faced the writer, bent his head, took a step forward.

"Now instinct will tell you to put your head down to meet me," he said. "And, when you do, we'll crash head on. One of us has got to get it this way, usually me, the fellow coming in."

Next he edged his left or front, foot slightly towards the right, sloped his head towards the right.

"See?" he inquired, "if I come in now, the only place your head will get me is here" —and he pointed to the side of the skull, from the ear up, which is as solid as Fort Knox. (This area is not susceptible to cuts and, even if the skin did break here, it wouldn't affect anything as vital as eyesight).

Then he brought his right foot forward and over to the left, sloped his head towards the left.

"Here I'm safe on the other side," he explained, adding: "You can butt me, bump me, do anything you like but my eyes will never catch it."

The old timer's face was wreathed with a grin of triumph.

"That's all there is to it," he went on but he cautioned, "you've got to learn it cold, you've got to do it so many times in the gym that it becomes part of you, a habit. Every fighter learned it when I was younger. They could fight two and three times a week without getting busted up."

In a later conversation with George Kanter, current-day handler who specializes in importing French fighters, Rose's remedy was repeated.

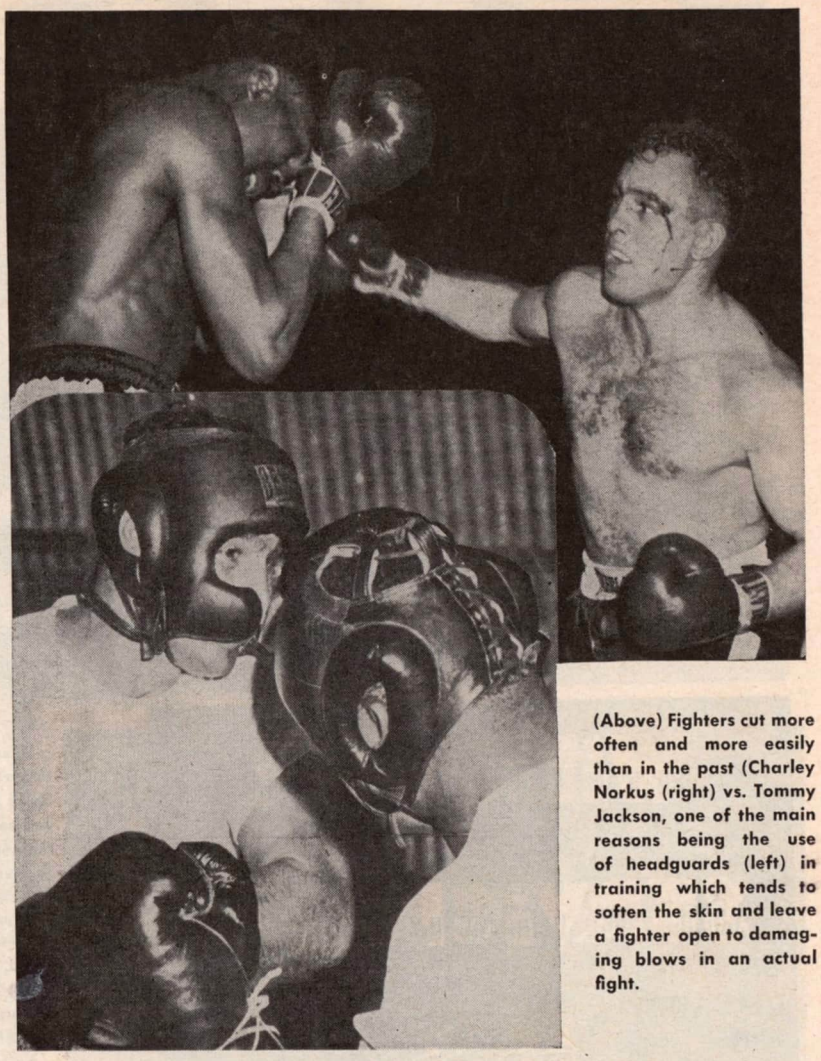
"You'll excuse my sounding superior," volunteered George, an American with long residence in Europe and a British education, "but that's what fighters over there do, today, too.

"The managers and trainers in Europe call it 'the lesson.' For 15 or 20 minutes every day—and this goes right through their careers—the manager gets in the ring with his fighter and calls out the different moves, 'bob left!', 'bob right!', 'slip!', 'roll!'

"I don't care if a fighter is smart or dumb. If he reviews something again and again, he has got to become better on defense and less likely to cut."

Kanter recalled that the late Marcel Cerdan, former middleweight champion, was a whirlwind aggressor, banging away from all sides, and did this for 16 years until his death in a plane crash, yet hardly ever suffered as much as a bruise.

Charley Goldman, trainer to Rocky Marciano and a busy bantam back in the skin tight era, granted that ignorance of fundamental techniques helps impose cuts on modern boxers, but he had another gripe—the practice of using headguards in training.



(Above) Fighters cut more often and more easily than in the past (Charley Norkus (right) vs. Tommy Jackson, one of the main reasons being the use of headguards (left) in training which tends to soften the skin and leave a fighter open to damaging blows in an actual fight.

"It's simple," he said, "you cover something up, you protect it, it becomes tender, that's what happens to the skin around a fighter's eyes.

"Listen, it happens to Rocky and he's the heavyweight champion. You remember those bad cuts he got in the two fights with Ezzard Charles? He didn't make many bad moves. I've taught him to come in with his head turned sideways. But his skin isn't tough. It's that headguard in the gym.

"He wears it on Al Weill's orders and Al is the manager. I understand why Al gives those orders. He doesn't want any postponements if he can help it when there's a big gate involved. But, if it were up to me, I'd have all the fighters, Rocky included, training without headguards. It doesn't make sense to train with 'em if you fight without 'em. . . . I never wore one and I must have had 300 fights. I don't remember getting cut but once."

Goldman stressed still another omission in today's conditioning, which he holds responsible for cuts.

"I was around with Terry McGovern and, every day, before and after he worked out, he'd bathe his face in brine. Everybody did it. Their skin got to be real leathery. It had to be or those fellows never would have been able to fight 25 and 30 rounds."

Dr. Vincent Nardiello, familiar figure on video from New York, who checks the fighters in the corner when they are

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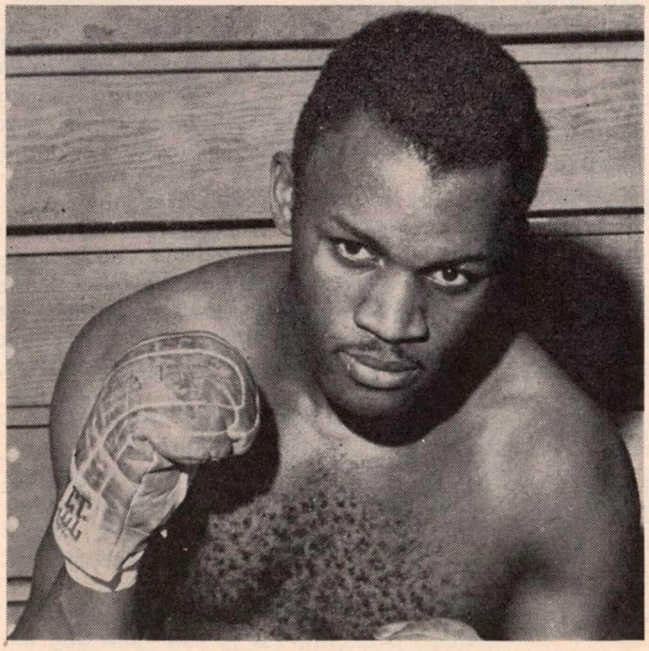
1956 U. S. Armed Forces CISM Boxing Team . . .

Standing, l. to r.: Capt. Gilbert Cohoon, officer-manager, (USAREUR Ath. Sec.); Sp 3 Jerry Loy, 2d Armd. Div., (trainer); Sp 3 Charles Hood, 503rd Abn. Inf. Regt., (light-heavy); Sp 3 James Wakefield, 58th Evac. Hosp., (light-middle); Sp 3 D. Kay Nielson, 32d Sig. Bn., (welter); Sgt John Johnson, 9th Inf. Div., (heavy); Maj Robert Sigholtz, USAREUR Athletic Officer; and Capt. Bob Surkein, Bremerhaven POE, referee.

Lower row, l. to r.: Pvt Bob Lee, 503rd Abn. Inf. Regt., (middle); Pfc Vernon Lee, 57th Trk Bn., (feather) Sgt. Richard Woodley, 370th Armd. Inf. Bn., (lightweight); Lt Bernard Callahan, 11th Abn. Div., (team coach); Pfc Carl Hubbard, 590th Trans. Co., (light-welter); Seaman Eddie Whitaker, Rhine River Patrol-U. S. Navy, (bantam); and Pfc Jose Vargas, 88th AAA Bn., (flyweight).

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

By "G.I." JOE SMITH



Cpt. Bob Miller, former professional boxer, who is assisting Sp-1 Oscar Roberts, Fort Carson's boxing coach, in training the Mountaineer mittmen.

COUPLING amateur and professional records, Cpl. Bob Miller, Fort Carson's boxing trainer, has a top-flight background in boxing circles throughout the country.

His 54-win and two-loss amateur showing is overshadowed only by his sensational 17-win and two-loss professional record.

Miller's pro experience, however, hampers him from being proclaimed a potential Army champion. Service boxing clashes match amateur fighters unless exhibition bouts are carded between professionals. That's always true in Army and inter-service championship tournaments.

The heavyweight, a native of Kansas City, Mo., zoomed into boxing prominence during his 1951 campaign. In that year, Miller fought an eight-round exhibition bout with the former heavyweight champion of the world, Joe Louis, in Kansas City. But more impressive were Miller's matches against two class A heavyweights.

Toxie Hall, Rocky Marciano's sparring mate who held a win over Ezzard Charles, was decisioned by Miller in 1951 at Chicago Stadium.

Against Henry Hall, also in Chicago, Miller gained a draw. He later decisioned the Milwaukee heavyweight.

The Carson trainer, who hopes to continue his pro boxing career when released from the service, stopped Frank Flood of Pueblo, Colo., on a TKO in the fifth round of their bout last summer.

An interesting sidelight which coincides with the Carsonite's boxing career is "Miller's Barbecue" in Leavenworth, Kans. Miller purchased the restaurant with his fight earnings.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE BOUTS

The U. S. Army's John A. Johnson won the international military heavyweight boxing crown with a decision over an Italian opponent. But another Italian opponent stopped Johnson's teammate, Charles W. Hood, in the second round to win the lightheavyweight title.

The split in the final two fights of the eight-nation tournament gave Italy the unofficial leadership, with four titles. The U. S. Army grabbed three of the championships, France two and Egypt one.

Johnson, a powerful slugger from Miami, Fla., who holds the interservice heavyweight crown, floored Italy's Private Nino Bozzano in the first round and went on to win a clear decision.

The Italian fought back courageously, matching Johnson blow for blow in the second and refusing to back away in the third round despite Johnson's stronger attack.

Hood, who comes from Monroe, N. C., lost to parachutist Ottavio Panunzi. The decision of referee Robert Vaisberg of France to halt the bout puzzled some spectators—and Hood himself.

Inter-Army runnerup in the light heavy division in 1955, Hood was far ahead at the start.

He hammered the Italian with sharp left jabs and with right-left combinations and clearly took the first round.

For the first minute of the second round, it appeared to be the same story. Hood danced around Panunzi, stabbing him with his good left, but the Italian suddenly found an opening and caught Hood with a left hook as he was coming in.

The U. S. soldier fell on his back. He leaped up and began fighting again, but the referee stopped the bout.

"I wasn't hurt," Hood protested later. "I don't know why they stopped it."

Referee Vaisberg said, however, "I stopped the fight because it was too dangerous. Those people are amateurs, and we can't take chances. Hood's eyes looked bad. He'd been hit hard."

The following countries were represented at the International Military bouts held in Italy: United States, Italy, Japan, Turkey, Egypt, Holland, France and Luxemburg.

Most winners will probably go on to the Olympics in October. Our champs will be trained by Steve Klaus and team coach Lt. Callahan, a former C. Y. O. boxer from Chicago, Ill.

Egypt's team was the most aggressive, but only won one title. Col. Mohammed Mornik, was their team coach. He is also a reader of The Ring magazine and has a collection of same. Col. Mornik will be visiting the U. S., and hopes to visit our editorial offices at Madison Square Garden.

France had a fine team but that is all they had. Holland also had a fine team. Turkey, didn't have any class in the ring at all.

BOXING AND ALLIED SPORTS

CISM (Conceil International du Sport Militaire) is an organization consisting of nineteen (19) member nations for the purpose of promoting international goodwill through military sports and for the exchange of ideas on Armed Forces physical fitness programs. Accomplishment of the aim is to be achieved by ""Generally encouraging and supporting all measures likely to establish and strengthen ties of good comradeship among military sportsmen, such measures as will promote better understanding among countries and lay foundations of love of their own countries and respect for others." Chief media are the annual athletic competitions in the several sports included in the CISM program and an annual meeting at which delegates from member nations exchange ideas on the improvement of international understanding and good will through physical education and sports.

Although the United States was not one of the founding members of CISM, it played a leading part in the formation of a predecessor organization. Immediately following World War II, General Joseph T. McNarney, Commanding General, United States Forces in Europe, saw the need for an organization to promote sports competition among soldier athletes of the Allied Nations. Thus was born the

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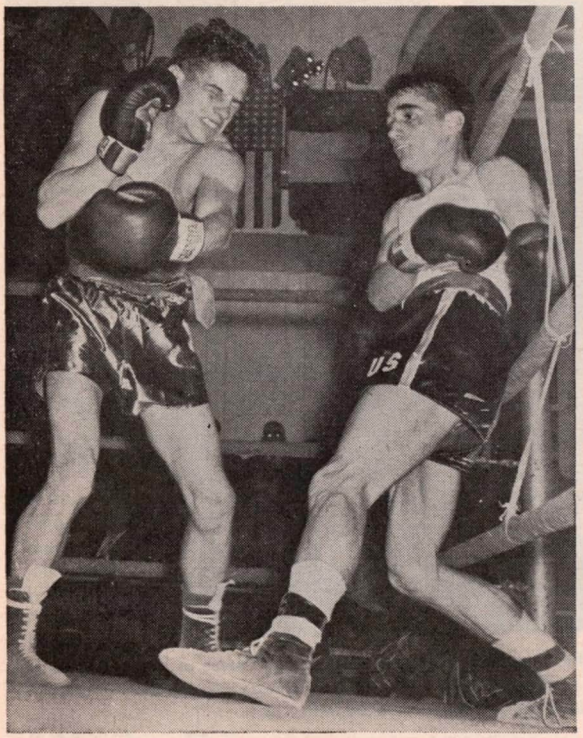
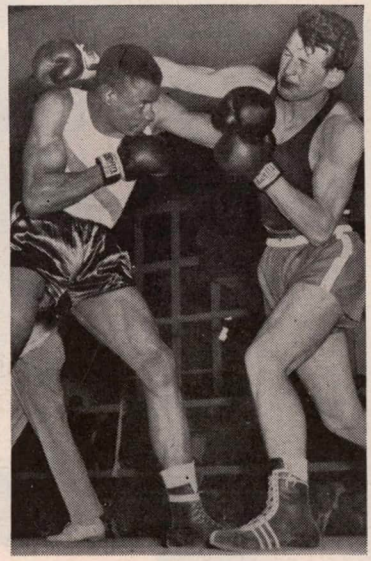
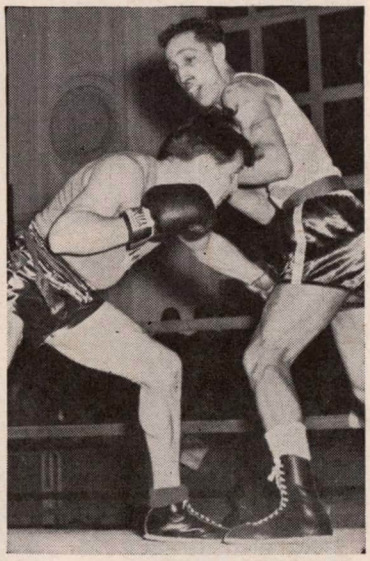


Ed Whitaker (right) feints France's Rene Bernancourt out of position in International Counsel of Military Sports bout but lost an unpopular decision. Stars and Stripes photo.

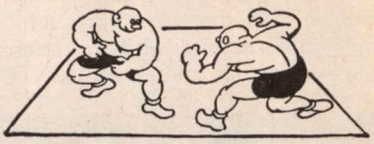


Charles Hood, left, U. S. light heavy bombs left to chin of France's Rashid Bougouffa. Bout was won by the Frenchman in CIMS quarter-finals.



France's Rene Libeer decisioned U. S. flyweight Jose Vargas in the quarter-finals of the CIMS. Photos by Stars and Stripes.

THE MAT WORLD



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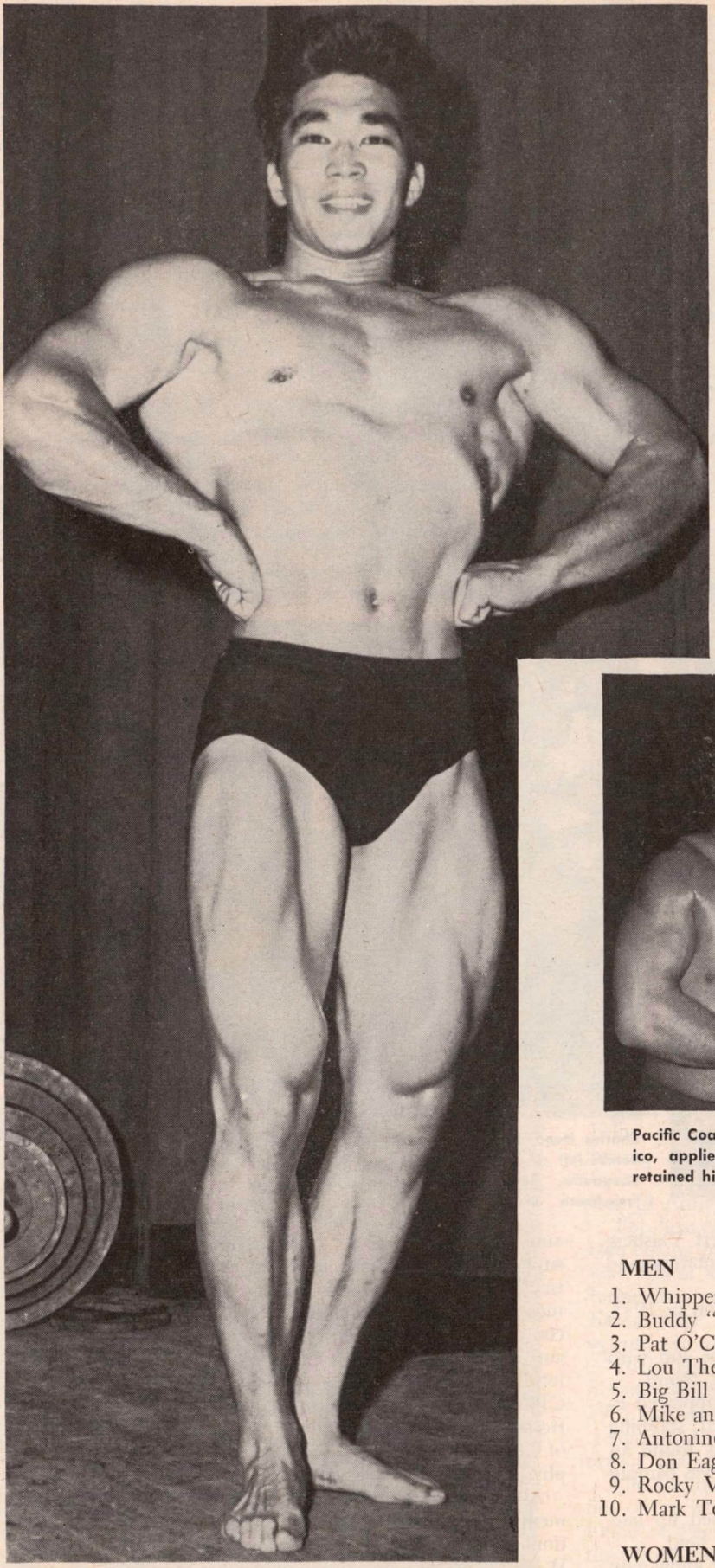
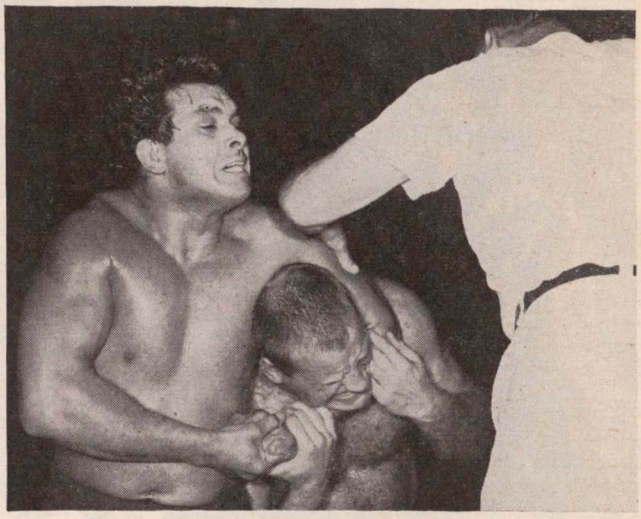


Tommy Kono, Hawaiian strong man, who is the undefeated world and Olympic weight-lifting champion.



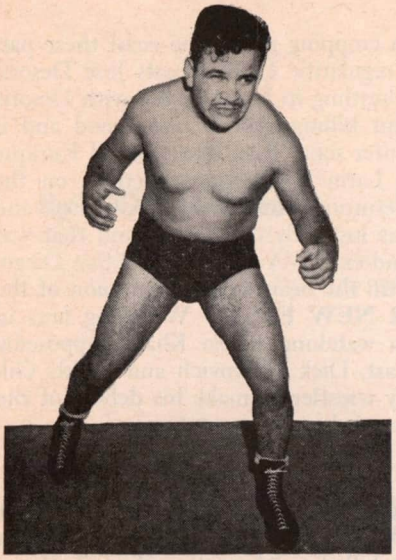
Pacific Coast heavyweight king Enrique Torres of Sonora, Mexico, applies a headlock to Mike Sharpe of Canada. Torres retained his crown. (Photo by Masura)

MEN

1. Whipper Watson (NWA Champion)
2. Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers
3. Pat O'Connor
4. Lou Thesz
5. Big Bill Miller
6. Mike and Ben Sharpe (Tag team)
7. Antonino Rocca
8. Don Eagle
9. Rocky Valentine
10. Mark Tendler

WOMEN

1. June Byers
2. Carol Cook
3. Nell Stewart
4 Slave Girl Moolah



Ramon Perez, 25 year old grappler, who turned from boxing to wrestling four years ago and is on his way up the wrestling ladder.

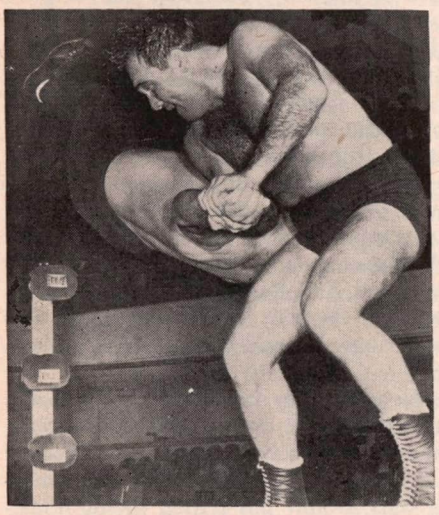
ON AND AROUND THE MAT

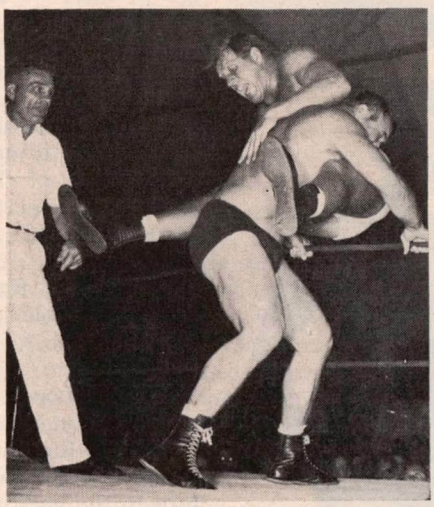
Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff, Russian brother tag team myth of invincibility was broken at Minneapolis when the team of Vern Gagne and Tex McKenzie defeated the bearded brothers. . . .

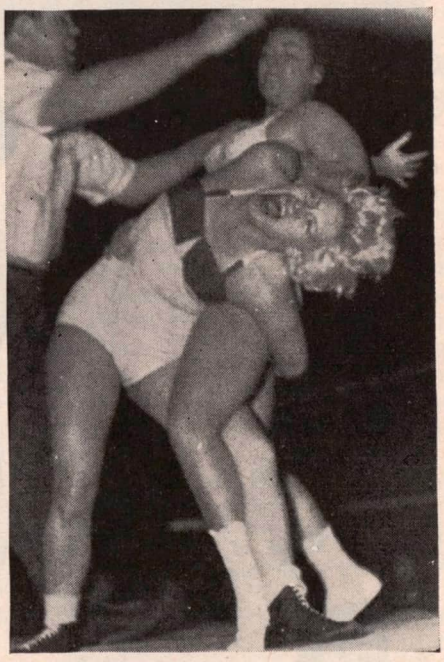
Mark Tendler, new face on the horizon branching out with matches in Boston, New Jersey and the East. . . . Mark is in line for a U. S. Army reserve commission in the Special Service Department. . . . He has also been teaming up with Kenny Ackles and his cousin Alva Ventura in tag team matches.

Vern Gagne in the attempt to recapture his TV crown from Wilbur Snyder wrestled to a 47:05 draw at the Armory in Minneapolis. The match ended with both contestants out cold when Gagne coming off the ropes at full speed catapulted into the forward moving Snyder. . . . kaaput. . . . the ref tolled off the ten count over both.

Mike and Ben Sharpe are back on the Pacific Coast after a successful tour in Japan in which they won all except two matches. . . . **Ilio Di Paolo** is back in action after recovering from a hand injury. . . . talk has it that **Bronko Nagurski,** ex football great will make a mat comeback. . . . **Lord Athol Layton** reputed to have hottest temper in wrestling. . . . **Hard Boiled Haggerty** campaigning in Canada. . . . **Roy McClarity** gained the plaudits of the crowd at Dennis Stecher's Minneapolis Auditorium when he tumbled the "Skull" from the ranks of the undefeated at the Twin City. . . .







(Above left) Billy Watson, Canada, NWA champ, using his famous Irish Whip to subdue Hans Schnable of Milwaukee, at the Winterland Arena, San Francisco, Cal. He duplicated the same feat four nights later at the Fresno Memorial Auditorium. (Above center) Leo Nomellini shows what made him famous as a professional football player. He tackles Mike Sharpe of Canada to win their California match. Photo by Masura. (Above right) June Byers, world women's champ, applies a "submission" hold to Cathy Branch. Guess who won? . . . . Who wouldn't submit to that hold. Photo by Bob Utter.

5. Mildred Burke
6. Mary Jane Mull
7. Penny Banner
8. Ella Waldek
9. Terry Majors
10. Ada Ash

FAN CLUBS CORNER

FOLLOWING are a few more fan clubs that mat fans might like to join:

Al Getson (Referee) Fan Club, President, Miss Margie Baberian, 4703 Sansom Street, Philadelphia 39, Pa.

Fitz Von Ulm Fan Club, President, Miss Zola Ayres, 610 Walnut Street, Evansville, Indiana.

Steve Stanlee Fan Club, President, Mrs. Ruth A. Lunel, 351 Monarch Park Ave., Toronto 6, Ontario, Canada.

Rito Romero Fan Club, President, Jo Nell Cox, Route 2, Floresville, Texas.

Farmer Don Marlin Fan Club, President, Helen Comeau, 941 Clay St., Benicia, Cal.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

By Ed Briggs

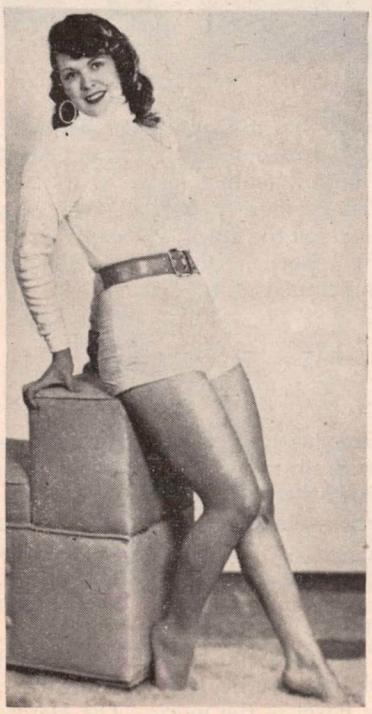
THE new father and son tag team of Chico and Reyes Gracia are doing well in the Los Angeles-Southern California area. Chico, the father of young Reyes, is a veteran matman who has been around the wrestling circuit for quite a few years. Reyes, in his early twenties, is a very sharp looking performer and should be watched closely.

Rough and ready Matt Murphy, blonde Long Beach (Calif.) heavyweight, is doing well in California. The rough, but likeable Murphy is a very good and fast campaigner and has what it takes to look and wrestle like a perfectionist. Matt played the role of a boxer in the movie "*The Harder*

Coach Billy Thom (right), wrestling promoter at Indianapolis, talks shop with Am Rascher, a former pupil of Billy's at Indiana University, who is now a member of the State Athletic Commission. Photo by Bob Utter.

Lee Chona LaClaire, French dynamo, who packs 135 pounds of curves and muscle on a 5 foot 5 inch frame.

Belle Starr, a 5 foot 5 inch, 140 pound green-eyed blonde of Columbus, Ohio, who at 19 is on threshold to stardom.



They Fall". He was the first boxer to face character "*Toro Moreno*".

New faces have been cropping up on the coast these past six months with great regularity. Latin threats Jose Desoria and Chico Arvizo are wrestling in Los Angeles, with Desoria getting good main event billing. Arvizo looks good and is likely to be a main eventer soon. Rito Romero and Enrique Torres are the hottest Latin box office attractions on the west coast. Romero returned after a year's absence and looks very good. He has lost only one match and that was to Lou Thesz, 228 pound ex-NWA champion, at San Diego. Torres, meanwhile, is still the heavyweight champion of the Pacific Coast. **OTHER NEW FACES**: Wrestling fans in Los Angeles have been watching Kubla Khan, supposedly hailing from the Far East, Dick Mickovich and Buddy Gilbert. Gilbert is the only wrestler to make his debut (of the three named), that has any known reputation.

KNOWING THE ROPES: In Tulsa, at the Stockyards, our old Los Angeles main eventer friend "The Great Bolo", is going great guns after dropping his latest victim, an import from somewhere billed as "Argentina Zuma". Wonder if Rocca has heard of this lad? The Bolo that wrestled in California for several months a few years ago, was unmasked as Al Lovelock, the former Texas school teacher. Maybe Al is up to his old tricks again????. On the same card at Tulsa, was Bobby Clay, the young junior heavyweight from Oklahoma who made quick work out of Thor Hagen. Clay is ranked by the boys who've met him in the ring, as one of the greatest junior heavyweights to come out of Oklahoma since the great LeRoy McGuirk. Farmer Jones of Mt. Ida, Ark., trounced bald Ali Bey in the other feature bout. . . . At Birmingham, Alabama, the tag unit of Rowdy Red Roberts and Karl Kowakski drew with wildman Chris Tolos and Herb Welch. Tolos would be a welcome addition to coast rings. He and brother John make a great tag team.

At Hollywood's Legion Stadium Lou Thesz, who makes no secret that he wants the NWA crown again, demolished Brooklyn's Ray Stern before a packed house. . . . Fans are asking Bobby Ford, the speedy "Ohio Thunderbolt" to return to the wrestling wars. Bobby has retired in his hometown of Youngstown, Ohio and has gone into business. . . . What has kept The Great Scott from the sunny beaches of California? Scotty is missed by coast mat bugs. . . . Fresno city police officers Harry Koch and Oscar Brulez going into another year as police guards for wrestlers at Fresno's Memorial Auditorium in California. . . . California referee Frank Manfredo has let it be known that 1956 will be his last year as third man in boxing and wrestling matches. One of the veterans of California mat contests, Frank Manfredo will be missed by fans all over California. . . . Barry Lloyd Penhale of Canada ranks as one of the country's top wrestling reporters. Heavyweight Tor Morgan was the object of Penhale's active publicity pen up until a year or so ago. He's a great example of the Maple Leaf country's wrestling world along with participants Pat Flanagan, Billy Watson and the mighty Sharpe brothers.

Greatest news to hit this desk was the return to active competition of Wladek "Killer" Kowalski, the powerful Michigan heavyweight. Kowalski has been absent TOO long. . . . Pat Fraley, the neck twister expert from Hollywood is mapping plans for a northern California trip late this year. . . . Roy Heffernan, talented Australian who has seen action in this country several times, has packed his bags and will leave for his native land where he is a great favorite. Heffernan was a little slow for the majority of wrestlers stateside, therefore lost a great number of matches. In his last coast appearance, Roy lost a close match with Sandor Kovacs of Connecticut. . . .

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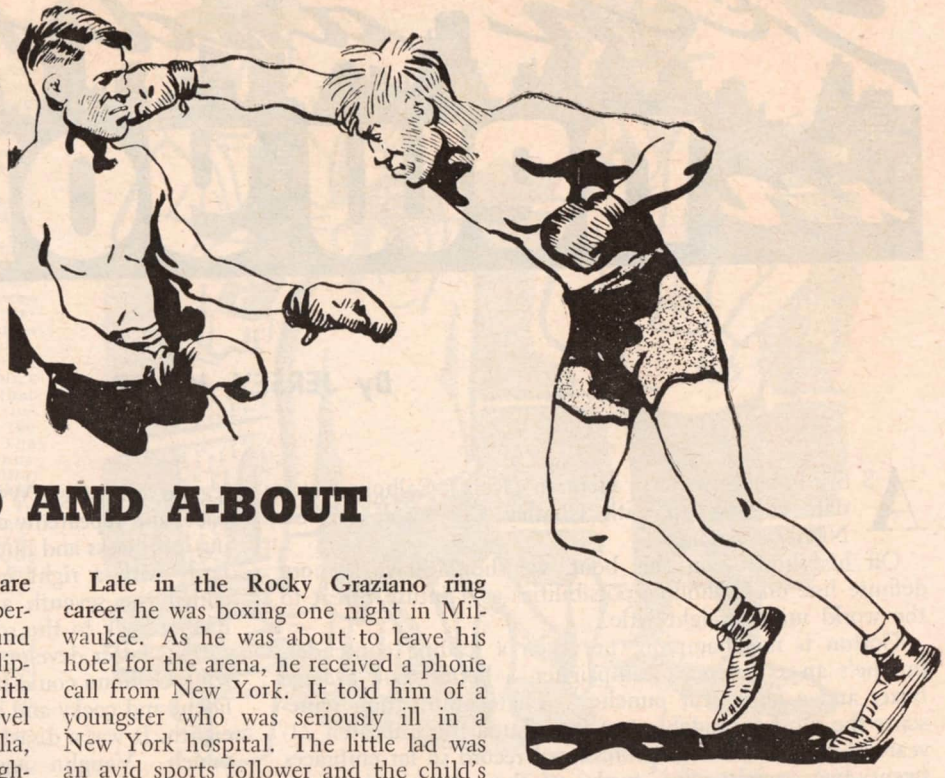
By DON ALLEN



A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

INTERNATIONAL matches are commonplace in boxing. Ring performers from France and Italy and Argentina and Mexico and the Philippines compete in this country with regularity. Boxers from the U.S. travel to Cuba, Thailand, England, Australia, Venezuela and other countries throughout the world. No other professional sport and no other amateur sport (not even track or tennis) is as popular internationally as is boxing nor can any other sport point to as many countries with active participants.

We think about this often, especially whenever the Olympic Games come around. Although the Games scheduled this year for Melbourne, Australia, are still a few months away, they are already generating vast excitement. This is as it should be because the Olympics bring together athletes from all parts of the globe in tremendous tests of skill in practically all branches of athletic endeavor.

But boxing brings together competitors from foreign lands all the time, week in and week out, and year after year. If there is any doubt about the international character of boxing, all one has to do is to glance at "*The Ring Magazine*" ratings of boxers. Taking the champions and ten leading contenders in each division, one finds representatives from every Continent on the globe.

Naturally, since there is more boxing in the U. S. than anywhere else, most of the names are American. But there are also rated boxers from France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Algiers, the Philippines, Japan, Argentina, Mexico, Cuba, England, Canada, and various other parts of the British Empire—Australia, British West Indies, South Africa, Nigeria.

There is also boxing in Russia and its satellite countries. It's a safe bet there are some glass jaws behind the Iron Curtain.

Late in the Rocky Graziano ring career he was boxing one night in Milwaukee. As he was about to leave his hotel for the arena, he received a phone call from New York. It told him of a youngster who was seriously ill in a New York hospital. The little lad was an avid sports follower and the child's doctors, to cheer him up, had suggested that an attempt be made to bring some prominent athletes to his hospital room. A couple of Brooklyn ball players had already visited him but the lad wanted mainly to see Rocky Graziano.

Rocky promised he would visit the youngster as soon as possible after returning to New York. He then went to the arena, knocked out his opponent —Pete Mead—in three rounds, rushed back to the hotel, packed his bags hurriedly, caught a plane for New York and early the next morning presented himself at the hospital where he spent a half hour at the ailing youngster's bedside.

The motion picture of Graziano called "*Somebody Up There Likes Me*," is an excellent job. But there are many things about Rocky which the picture, naturally, could not include—like the above wonderful gesture.

New regulations for boxing being considered in the Belgium Parliament include a provision that boxing gloves must weigh at least six ounces. What kind of gloves have they been using in Belgium up to now—skin-tight or just bare knuckles?

We love the names of those British Empire boxers now competing in the British Isles. There is Kitione Lave, heavyweight from Tonga; Hogan (Kid) Bassey, featherweight from Nigeria; and now Attu Clottey, Gold Coast welterweight.

The life story of Rocky Marciano is being written for the Saturday Evening Post for a figure reported to be in excess of $75,000. This is a pretty good fee but we think Rocky would be much smarter if he waited a year or so. By then everyone would know for a certainty about any Marciano comeback plans. If he doesn't come back, he will have lost nothing by waiting. If he does, and regains the heavyweight title, the story of his life will be worth ever so much more than $75,000. And so will his purse from a comeback championship fight.

We note that Billy Conn, former world light-heavyweight champion who now has an automobile agency in Pittsburgh, has named Jake Mintz as his sales manager. Mintz should make an excellent sales manager, having learned a full bag of tricks as manager of Ezzard Charles.

There was the time in Chicago, for instance, when Jake pulled a faint in the ring just as Charles was announced as winner over Jersey Joe Walcott in a title match to determine the successor to Joe Louis.

Then there was the time in Pittsburgh when Jake refused to step out of the ring to allow another Charles-Walcott fight to start because he objected to one of the judges. Jake was finally persuaded to leave and Walcott proceeded to knock out Ezzard in one of boxing's great upsets.

We don't say that stunts of this kind will help Jake sell cars but they certainly helped make him one of boxing's most colorful personalities.

It was a blistering hot night in New York when Joey Giardello knocked out Tony Baldoni in one round at the St. Nicholas Arena. And it was Al Buck who pointed out, in the New York

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Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

As this is being written, Herman (Rory) Calhoun has a date coming up with Charley Cotton at the St. Nicholas Arena.

Off his showing in this bout, we should have a more definite line on Calhoun's possibilities as a future threat to the world middleweight title.

Cotton is no champion, nor even a leading contender, but he's an experienced campaigner, a better than average boxer and a fairly stiff puncher. That combination represents the most formidable test yet offered the unbeaten 21-year-old Calhoun, whose professional record so far embraces twenty-two straight wins, twelve of them by knockouts.

The White Plains entry is one of the finest "naturals" uncovered hereabouts in several years. He's an exciting kid in action—fast, aggressive and a swarming two-handed puncher with plenty of authority in his fists.

With his furious slugging, Rory is a strong reminder of Rocky Marciano—which shouldn't be too surprising, since he's being instructed and conditioned by little Charley Goldman, who did such a fine job of training the retired heavyweight champion. Goldman seems to be following the same pattern with Calhoun that he used so well with Marciano. Whether he will prove as equally successful is something only time can answer.

One thing about Calhoun that has the local fight crowd speculating is Rory's ability to survive a real punch. He can give, but can he take? There is something more than a vague suspicion that Rory's chin isn't as tough as it could be. With his reckless aggressiveness, Calhoun is too easy to hit, and he's had some wobbly moments in the ring, but so far has been able to fight himself out of serious trouble.

None of his opponents, however, has been a Charley Cotton, and it will be interesting to observe how the young man reacts if he's nailed solidly by the ringwise Ohioan.

VAUGHN WAS NO TEST

In his most recent outing—marking his debut as a Madison Square Garden main-eventer—Calhoun was pitted against Willie Vaughn, an importation from Hollywood. It was the first time Vaughn had been seen in the East, his previous activities having been confined to California and Arizona rings. A tall, gangling, spindly-legged sort, Willie not only seemed lacking in strength and ruggedness, but he was ring rusty from an absence of eleven months from competition.

Not too sure of himself, Vaughn ran smack-dab into trouble in the early rounds. Jolted in the first and again in the second, it looked like finish for Willie in the third when a combination right to the body and left to the chin sent him toppling to the canvas.

The Californian came back fighting, however, and in the next few rounds gave a commendable account of himself against the rushing, bomb-tossing Calhoun. Using his long legs to advantage, Willie skittered around the ring at a brisk pace, and repeatedly caught Calhoun off-balance with sweeping left hooks and lunging rights. He stunned Rory momentarily with a right in the fourth and just before the bell ended the seventh a left-right combination sent Calhoun reeling back to the ropes and half-way through them.

This latter development proved Vaughn's undoing. Realizing Calhoun could be hit and hurt, Willie became too confident and cocky and elected to trade rights with Rory in the eighth. It was a disastrous mistake. Calhoun beat him to the punch. Vaughn sagged to the canvas and took the nine-count on his knees. Still dazed when he stumbled to his feet, he was quickly battered to the floor again by Calhoun. This time the Californian reeled upright at five, took the mandatory eight, and was retreating unsteadily before Calhoun's savage assault when Referee Ruby Goldstein stepped in and called a halt at the round's 2:28 mark.

ANENT BUCK CROUSE

Buck was 17 and a lightweight when he began boxing in 1908. Within two years he had grown into a middleweight and was mingling with the top "names" in his division. A good all-'round mechanic, Buck packed a stiff punch and cluttered his record with an impressive knockout total. In 1910 one of his victims was George Chip, later world champion. In 1911 Crouse had a string of ten kayoes in a row, and included in the list was one over formidable Young Loughrey.

He was never a champion but during the pre-World War I era there were few better middleweights than Albert (Buck) Crouse, who, at 64, died recently in his native Pittsburgh.

One of the few decisions Leo Houck ever lost was to Crouse in a 12-rounder in Boston in 1912.

Buck didn't miss many of the ranking middleweights of his era. Some of them he met not once but often. Chip, for instance, was an opponent no less than seven times, while Houck was his vis-a-vis on four occasions. Jack Dillon, George (K.O.) Brown, Mike Glover, Tom Gibbons, Jack McCarron and Eddie McGoorty were only some of the many other good 'uns Crouse met.

Buck's decline began in 1916 when he joined the parade of American middleweights to Australia. Les Darcy was the reigning sensation Down Under, and Promoter Snowy Baker was importing top Yanks to meet him. Hardly off the boat after a three-weeks' trip, with little time to rid himself of his sea legs and become acclimated, Crouse was rushed in with Darcy in Sydney and suffered a quick knockout. He was stopped in the second. Buck never fully recovered from that crushing defeat, although he did well enough during the remainder of his stay in Australia. He won and lost by knockouts in a two-bout series with Dave Smith in Sydney, then journeyed along to Melbourne to take two decisions from Mick King.

THE month's results:
With a scintillating exhibition of all-'round ring technique, French featherweight champion Cherif Hamia, 125½, ended his brief but highly successful American campaign by outspeeding, outboxing and outpunching rugged Miguel Berrios, 125, Puerto Rico, in an exciting ten in Madison Square Garden. The victory gave Hamia a 3-0 score in his first visit to these shores, previous triumphs having been over Carmelo Costa in the Garden and Ike Chestnut in Washington. The performance against Berrios was the most impressive of the three. The baby-faced Algerian had to come back from a rough first round, when he was staggered by a right to the jaw, but he whipped Berrios in decisive fashion from then on. In the fourth he nearly finished the chunky Puerto Rican. A fast left-right combination sent Berrios flat on his back and it was only instinct that pulled him to his feet and carried him through the rest of that stormy round as Hamia, trying desperately to end matters, smothered him in a blizzard of flying leather. Berrios reeled around the ring on rubbery legs but didn't go down again. Shaking off the effects of that violent stanza, Berrios rallied to make things interesting for Hamia the rest of the way, but the Algerian was too fast and shifty for him. The semi-final eight ended at 1:39 of the sixth, Johnny Busso, 137, Brooklyn, stopping Johnny Digilio, 141, Bayonne. Bernie Lynn, 148, Jamaica, outfought Earl Clemons, 146, Baltimore, in six. In fours, Edgar Perkins, 146, Harlem, decisioned Bobby Jackson, 128, Brooklyn; Generace Armstrong, 154½, Elizabeth, N. J., outpointed Otis Woodard, 155, Harlem, and Ray Dittrich, 160, Brooklyn, stopped a borough rival, Tommy Danetti, 160, at 2:59 of the third.

▶A stocky blond, with an awkward bobbing, mauling style, Franz Szuzina, 160½, Germany, proved a troublesome opponent for lanky Charley Cotton, 156½, Toledo, O., and grabbed a draw for himself in a hard-fought but messy ten at St. Nicholas Arena. It was Szuzina's first appearance in New York and on TV. Strong and durable, the German visitor didn't give Cotton much punching room during the early rounds. Handicapped in height and reach, Franz bulled his way in close and Cotton, who prefers long-range operations against stand-up opponents, couldn't do much with his opponent's pushing, mauling tactics. It wasn't until the half-way mark that the Ohioan began to make effective use of his longer reach and sharper punching, but even then he found Szuzina a troublesome problem. The decision elicited a wide diversity of opinion among the officials, who came up with three different votes, Referee Petey Scalzo tabbing for Szuzina, Judge Bill Recht for Cotton, and Judge Joe Agnello calling it all even in rounds and points. It was the first draw for Cotton in fifty-one pro bouts but old stuff for Szuzina who was engaging in his thirteenth stalemate in fifty-six starts. Fast-rising Tony DiBiase, 149, Astoria, who lost his first pro bout and hasn't been beaten since, posted his twelfth straight win by trouncing veteran Joe Lissy, 148, Yorkville, in the semi-final six. Another six ended at 1:06 of the fourth, Harold Smith, 131½, Washington, D. C., halting Al Hunter, 134, Harlem. In fours, Frankie Figueroa, 127, West Side, decisioned Harold Calhoun, 123, Harlem, and Victor Limardo, 136½, Brooklyn, won from Marcel Bizien, 136½, Jersey City.

▶The latest importation from Italy (via Venezuela and Cuba), Fernando Spallotta, 159½, was something less than sensational in his local debut. He needed a strong rally in the last two rounds to eke out a split decision over rough-and-tumble Rinzy Nocero, 158¾, Brooklyn, in a mauling eight-round semi-final to the Rory Calhoun-Willie Vaughan affair in Madison Square Garden. The Italian visitor showed himself to be an earnest, willing, durable sort, but limited in ring talents. Nocero had him beaten until the closing stanzas when Rinzy seemed to tire and Spallotta, featuring looping right-handers, came on with a finishing drive that just about squeezed him through to the verdict. In a blood-spattered six, Jimmy Archer, 146, Philadelphia, outfought Benny Washington, 142, Harlem. A head-on collision in the second ripped ugly gashes on Archer's cranium and above Washington's left eye, and both cuts streamed gore from then on. In another scheduled six, cut to four and staged after the main event, Mel Collins, 152¾, Trenton, N. J., outfought Tommy (Big Dynamite) Williams, 149¾, Washington, D. C. In regularly listed fours, Wally Livingston, 121½, Trenton, had the better of Prince Johnson, 126, Philadelphia, and Juan Pomare, 159½, former amateur standout, fought his way to a decision over a fellow-Brooklynite, Eddie Wright, 161.

▶Encountering stiffer opposition than had been generally expected, Ludwig Lightburn, 139½, British Honduras, needed all his speed and sharp punching to take a split decision from rugged Jake Josato, 141½, Philadelphia, in a hard-fought but unspectacular ten at St. Nicholas Arena. The bout was a replica of the previous week's Charley Cotton-Franz Szuzina affair. Like Cotton, the lanky Lightburn preferred long-range operations while chunky Josato, a la Szuzina, relied upon awkward aggressiveness and mauling tactics. It was a rough brawl and some of the best action was supplied when the rivals continued to fight after the bell had ended the sixth, seventh, eighth and tenth rounds. The most effective punch of the fight was landed by Lightburn in the tenth when a right buckled Josato's knees and made the Philadelphian clutch. Josato's nose began bleeding in the seventh and Lightburn suffered a deep gash above the right eye in the eighth. After the bout six stitches were required to close the cut. Mariano Piniero, 146, West Side, whipped Mannie Davis, 144½, Harlem, in the semi-final six. Tony DeCola, 139, Brooklyn, won from Iggy Maldonado, 139½, Bronx, in another six. A pair of fours were abbreviated by knockouts, Nick Dellova, 163½, Long Island City, halting Steve Mazurka, 150, Brooklyn, at 2:18 of the second and Angelo Alleague, 152½, East Side, polishing off Phil Sabater, 147½, Puerto Rico, at 2:27 in the third.

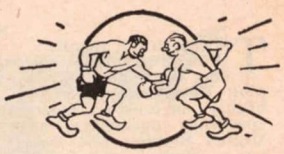
"You said you could lick this guy with your eyes closed. Now's your chance."

▶In running his current winning skein to 23 and his overall win-lose-draw record to 40-4-2, Yama Bahama (William Butler), 154½, Bahamas, was a bit too shifty and durable for the fading Gil Turner, 155, Philadelphia, in an earnest but uninspiring ten in Madison Square Garden. Turner was aggressive as ever and accounted for some good body punching, but his one-time zip and power had vanished. Boxing cautiously and picking his spots for well-timed flurries, Bahama showed some neat combinations in his counter-punching. It was anybody's fight for seven rounds but Turner couldn't maintain the pace. As he tired in the closing sessions, an emboldened Bahama became more aggressive and cinched the verdict by his strong finish. Joe Shaw, 161, Harlem, was winner over Bill Tate, 156¾, Chicago, in the semi-final eight. In sixes, Don McAteer, 166½, Paterson, N. J., outfought Emery Burke, 163, White Plains, and Bob Cofer, 143¼, Philadelphia, disposed of Archie Monroe, 146, Baltimore, at 2:29 of the first. A pair of fours also ended in knockouts, Peter Schmidt, 145½, West Side, halting Ledio Quin, 146½, East Side, at 2:18 of the second, and John Henry, 182, Brooklyn, finishing a borough rival, James Relish, 184, at 0:27 of the fourth.

▶After dropping two decisions to Charley Cotton, Joey Giardello, 159½, Philadelphia, was given softer opposition for his third appearance of the year at St. Nicholas Arena, and he made the most of it. Joey needed less than one full round to demolish Tony Baldoni, 158¾, Wilkes-Barre. Actual time, 2:46. Giardello wasted no time on his willing but brittle-chinned Pennsylvania rival. At the opening bell, Joey began pouring both fists into Baldoni. The latter, much too slow, tried to fight back and succeeded in reaching Giardello with a few ineffectual rights to the body. Joey, measuring Baldoni as he moved forward, suddenly exploded a right-left combination on the jaw. Down went Tony, flat on his back. Groggily, he pulled himself up on shaky legs at the count of nine but promtply fell against the ropes. As Referee Ray Miller waved finish, Baldoni collapsed. He was out cold for about two minutes until his handlers and Dr. Alex Schiff revived him and it was another couple of minutes before he was able to leave the ring. Three of the supporting numbers also ended in knockouts, Don Tatro, 174, Paterson, N. J., stopping Jack Leddy, 173, Eastampton, L. I., at :10 of the second; Jesse Watson, 140, Brooklyn, halting George Haynes, 139, Newark, N. J., at the end of the second, and Bert DeWitt, 140¼, Paterson, stopping Tommy Lorenzo, 140¾, West Side, at the end of the third. In the bouts that went their scheduled distances, Calvin Davis, 154½, Long Island City, decisioned Jimmy Garcia, 159, Puerto Rico, in the semi-final six; Art Lusby, 147½, Dumont, N. J., outpointed Al Milone, 148¼, Brooklyn, in six, and Danny Jones, 147¼, won from Walter Kapa, 149, in four.

▶If his ring career lasts long enough, Joey Lopes may eventually win a televisioned fight for the International Boxing Club. The Sacramento Portuguese seems to win everywhere else, but cannot break into the IBC-TV's victory column. He ran his lugubrious score to 0-5 by losing to balding Paolo Rosi, 137½, Italy, in a free-punching ten in Madison Square Garden. It was Lopes' third loss in the Garden, previous defeats having been inflicted twice by Carmelo Costa. In other IBC promotions, Joey was beaten by Frankie Ryff in Detroit and Ludwig Lightburn in San Francisco. The whipping by Rosi was the most decisive of the lot. Joey was near a knockout at the finish. Until the tenth, it had been a lively and fairly close affair. Rosi, too strong and persistent, was leading, but Lopes had made things interesting by his willingness and frequent rallies. In that closing stanza, however, Rosi turned on full steam and all but deluged Lopes with his storming attack. Ripped over the left eye and weakened by a series of rights to the chin, Lopes crumpled to the canvas just as the bell rang.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA



By BILL MILLER

KENNY DAVIS, FORMER LEATHERNECK, 125½, won recognition as California's featherweight champion when he defeated Jose Luis Cotero, 126, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. In a former meeting he dropped the duke to Cotero, hence the latter was 10-7 choice.

A good-sized crowd paid $3737 to see the mild upset.

It was a jabber against a hooker, with Kenny doing the jabbing, and occasionally scoring with a sneak right. The verdict was unanimous: Referee Reg Gillmore, 116-113; Judge Charley Randolph, 117-112, and Judge George Latka, 115-114. There were no knockdowns. It was a 12-rounder.

In the semi-final, scheduled for six, Johnny Hayden, 180, scored a 5-round TKO over Kenny Yates, 184½. The fours: Monroe Ratliff, 179½, upset Alfred Zuany, 191, the 3-1 choice; Babe Antunez, 132, nosed out Joe Smyers, 133, in a thriller, and Dargin McWhorter, 144½, decisioned Herman Beasley, 143½.

▶ Don Jordon, 142½, Los Angeles, scored a 7-round TKO over Frankie Skidmore, 144, San Francisco Indian, in the main event at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A. Referee Frankie Van, after exhorting Skidmore time and again to "get in and mix" finally halted the affair.

Jordon scored solidly to the body and head, and was way ahead on everybody's score-card. There were no knockdowns.

It is probable that Jordon's next opponent at the Olympic will be Joey Lopes of Sacramento, the boy who won a disputed verdict over Jordon on May 8th, last, in his home town.

In the six-round semi, Eddie Jenkins, 166, decisioned Benny Droll, 166. The fours: Dwight Hawkins, 124, TKO (4) over Tomahawk Turner, 127; Sonny Hett, 159, TKO (2) over Hurricane Simms, 162½, and Frank Jennings, 138, dukes Randy Kitchen, 138½.

▶ Cecil Schoonmaker, veteran performer, matched the boxing skill of Manila's Flash Elorde in the early rounds, but the vitality of the young featherweight contender proved the deciding factor in their scheduled ten rounder at the Stockton Civic Auditorium. Elorde, 130, knocked out the Los Angeles warrior in the ninth. Schoonmaker weighed 126.

The contest was witnessed by 1500 fans who paid $2823 gross. The victory prelude came in the seventh, when Elorde put Schoonmaker down twice for seven counts.

In the ninth a left to the midsection started Schoonmaker floorward, and a right to the jaw was the payoff.

Prelim fours: Leo Agbulos, 134, dec. Jean LaForte, 141; Joe Padia, 136, TKO'd Henry Rosa, 142, in 1; Teddy Martin, 170, dec. Billy Boy Ricks, 171.

▶ Many of the keenest fistic observers on the West Coast made it a point to watch the main event at San Francisco Garden, either from an arena seat or via television. They are interested in a fistic phenomenon called Ben Wise, who caused quite a flurry recently by knocking out Young Jack Johnson and Bob Albright in successive contests.

These experts are still withholding their verdict on Wise. At the S. F. Garden he scored his third straight kayo, but he was not impressive in his sixth round triumph over Neal Welch of Toledo.

Wise, 194, of Oakland, seemed to know he had the situation well in hand from the beginning. Welch, 210, would get in a few jabs here and there, but Wise would cool Neal's ardor with forceful combinations.

At the close of the fifth the club physician was called in to look at Welch's nose, which had been bleeding from the second round on.

Though the doctor said the fight could continue, Welch was an easy target in the sixth, and Referee Johnny Lotsey came to his rescue, and gave a TKO to Wise.

Ruben Vargas, 180, S. F., took the decision from Joe Louis III, 183, Alemeda, in an eight rounder.

The show was promoted by Jimmy Murray.

Four round results: Leo Marino, 193, KO'd Dick Tanner, 182; Hank Casey, 160, dec. Willie Lewis, 156.

▶ The fight between Rory Calhoun and Willie Vaughn in Madison Square Garden was closely watched on TV by thousands of Southern California fans. Vaughn, who hails from Arizona, has done most of his fighting in Los Angeles; Calhoun went from a four-round boy to a main eventer in six Los Angeles fights, all at the Olympic Auditorium.

Local fans opined that Ruby Goldstein was a mite too quick when he stopped the fight in the 8th and raised Rory's mitt.

We remember, here, that Vaughn was floored three times by Charlie (Chiller) Green, yet clambered to his feet and wound up with the decision. Oh, well; c'est la guerre.

▶ Both of my many friends in Los Angeles have been pickin' on me on account Nat Fleischer, in his ring ratings, has placed Raton Macias ahead of Billy Peacock.

I told 'em that Nat has no axe to grind; that he has always called them as he sees them in the more than thirty years I've known him; that his ratings are considered authoritative.

In rebuttal, they point out that in their last meeting, Peacock knocked out Macias in Round 3, breaking his jaw in the process; that Peacock had seven fights last year, won them all, six by knockout.

Since it's a kayo apiece for Peacock and Macias, I'd say that the only way to settle the argument is to pair 'em up for the third time. The rubber match should tell the tale.

▶ The City of Hope Sanitarium, world-renowned, received $6006 from the annual Fight for Lives card at the Olympic Auditorium, in which Jimmy Carter decisioned Lauro Salas after ten thrilling rounds. Gross gate was $24,123.

▶ Dick Goldstein, the so-called Warsaw refugee, broke into print when he attacked Art Aragon—from the rear—at the Olympic Gym. It was one way of getting publicity. He yearns for a meeting with Aragon, of course. But Goldstein was whipped by Ramon Tiscareno, and Aragon flattened Tiscareno in 2 rounds, so the chances are slim.

▶ A sharp upset was registered at Hollywood Legion Stadium when Billy Evans, the Pasadena gardener, 3-1 underdog, scored a 4th round TKO over Paul Armstead, former Poly High track athlete. Evans, 129; Armstead, 130½.

Armstead had an impressive record of 10 wins in 11 starts as a pro, including a 9-round TKO over Vic Ponce. In justice to the lad, he had the edge on points as far as the fight had gone. But the pay-off is on the outcome. Armstead suffered a bad gash over his left eye; it happened before the fight was a minute old, and kept getting worse as the fight progressed.

In the six-round semi, Herman Duncan, 135, finished fast to annex the verdict over Dom Sacco, 133½, Oakland.

The fours: Questa Walker, 137½, decisioned Benny Robledo, 140; Jimmy Manning, 124½, duked Carlos Serrano, 122; Mel Ferguson, 145, defeated Vince Davi, 147½, and Jose Martinez, 141, triumphed over Bobby Herrera, 145.

▶ A real spine-tingler was the 1956 Fight for Lives at the Olympic Auditorium, with Jimmy Carter, 136½, winning the unanimous verdict over Lauro Salas, 132. Both are former lightweight champions. There was a nice turnout—7,506 fans paid a gross of $24,123. It was on a Fight for Lives show, four years ago, that Salas scored the major upset of the year by snatching the crown from Carter.

This one was the best of their four meetings. Referee Tommy Hart tabbed it 94-90; Judge Russ Bradford, 96-95; but Judge Dunamite Jackson had Carter a mile in front, 100-91. The fans didn't like that score.

It was toe-to-toe slugging most of the way; there were no knockdowns, but the thrilling exchanges had the fans on their feet repeatedly.

Joey Dorando, 146, racked up his 12th straight win in the TV scrap, slated for ten, when he sent Forest Davis, 147, to the showers in Round 2. "Little Marciano" looked great, as usual.

The fours: Jerry Goldberg, 146, duked Robert Lee, 149; Don Farmer, 152, stopped Ernest Boykins, 154, in Round 1; Jimmy Lassiter, 130½, won over Rudy Lara, 132.

▶ It is disheartening when a boxer is trying to coast in the ninth to save himself for the final tenth—to have his foe throw punches twice as fast as he did in the early sessions. That is what happened to Bull Halsey, 169, when Reuben Hernandez, 171, swarmed all over him to score a TKO at San Francisco Garden.

Hernandez, pride of San Francisco's North Beach, staggered his Oakland opponent repeatedly, but Halsey kept his feet even in the explosive ninth. However, Referee Vern Bybe intervened, with no protest from the fans or Halsey's corner.

In the semi-windup of Promoter Jimmy Murray's show young prospect Bob Butcher, 201, S.F., knocked out veteran Rudy Coleman, 179, Oakland, in the second. This setto was slated for six.

In another six rounder, Tony Moss, S.F., 148, slammed his way to a draw with Don Webb, 147, Oakland. Each battler scored a knockdown.

Fours: Doug Garrett, 149, drew with Benny Diles, 150; Ken Barlow, 138, technical draw in three rounds with Jack Parelli (Parelli's eye cut).

▶ It took just two minutes and five seconds for Larry Vasquez, 132, San Francisco, to dispose of Cleo Lane, 134, Oakland. Fans who had settled themselves in their seats for a ten rounder at the Auditorium in Richmond found they had a lot of extra time on their hands.

Promoter Johnny Munro's venture grossed $1903.

A left hook put Lane down for eight. He tried to retreat after arising, but Vasquez showered him with more crushing lefts. Referee Jack Silver then called a halt.

The only Richmond hometown entry came to grief in the semi-windup. Willie Simmons, 160, was TKO'd in the fourth session by Hank Casey, 158, San Francisco. They had been slated for six.

All the prelim bouts were scheduled sixers. Norvel Gaddis, 190, drew with Everett Putnam, 188. Chick Howell, 180, TKO'd John Carroll, 179, in the fifth.

▶ Larry Bataan, 121, of Los Angeles and the Philippines, had his hand raised in the eighth round at Stockton, when he scored a TKO over Baby Comacho, 122, of Tijuana, Mexico. Bataan took the previous seven rounds, but rugged Comacho was giving such a good account that most spectators expected the contest to go the full ten.

But Comacho did not answer the bell in the eighth after ring physician Dr. Alexandre Barron ruled a cut on Comacho's nose near the left eye as being too serious to warrant continuing the bout. Attendance, 2000; gross $3776. Promoter, Billy Hunefeld. Battle scene: Stockton Civic Auditorium.

Joe Boy Charles, 132, Oakland, took the verdict in a six rounder with Rudy Sanchez, 135, Mountain View.

In the fours, Henry Rosa, 141, dec. Jean LaForte, 143; Andrew Domebo, 173, and Teddy Martin, 174, draw; Leo Agbulos, 137, KO'd Melvin Burnett, 1.

▶ Eddie Machen, 196, a methodical boxer, sometimes does not unlimber his heaviest artillery until the closing rounds. But when Sergeant Matt Jackson, 183, a kayo artist, scored some forceful near misses, the Redding, California heavyweight decided he had better try to end matters in a hurry. So he put Jackson on the floor in the second and third, and in the fourth Referee Fred Apostoli halted proceedings to rescue Jackson.

Promoter Benny Ford announced the gross as $1163.

Chief Archie Whitewater, 148, S.F., won the verdict over Pete Washington, 147, Chicago, in a six-rounder.

Allen Loretz, 159, outpointed Willie Moon, 155, in four.

▶ The new California State Athletic Commission, in its first official action, ruled against a proposed L.A. meeting between Sugar Ray Robinson, middleweight king, and Art (Golden Boy) Aragon. The reason given: disparity in weights.

I don't go along with that a-tall. Henry Armstrong was permitted to meet Ceferino Garcia for the world middleweight title in 1940, and the weight differential was twice as much as there would be between Robinson and Aragon. When Armstrong and Garcia first met, in Madison Square Garden, back in 1948, the weights were Armstrong, 134; Garcia, 146½.

The public, not the Commission, should be the judge of what fights they want to see. If they like a scrap, they'll turn out; if they don't, they'll stay away in vast numbers. Aragon's last 36 fights, in Southern California, have grossed well over one million dollars: something like $1,091,000. That's an average of better than $30,000 per fight.

This boy is magic at the box-office. If the aging Robinson and glass-jawed Bobo Olson could draw $231,000 at Wrigley Field, as they did on May 18th, then Robinson against the colorful Aragon should gross anywhere from $350,000 to $500,000. Maybe more.

Commissions and Commissioners do make mistakes, you know. Remember when Bill Brown said "Baer is a bum!" about a week before Baer knocked out Max Schmeling? And Joe Triner, of the Illinois Commission, said they'd refuse to recognize Lauro Salas as champion if he defeated Carter. Well, he whipped Carter—and met him in Chicago five months later, in a return bout for the title.

▶ "Best action bout since the arena opened" was the consensus of sports writers who witnessed the sizzling ten rounder between Eli Scott, 118, and Johnny Ortega, 117. They collided at San Francisco Garden, compact new fight center which opened in February. Scott, of S.F., recently out of the amateurs, won the decision from Ortega, veteran crowd pleaser from Oakland.

Scott was the master at long range, and he drew blood from Ortega's nose with a ramrod jab. Referee Jack Downey scored it 98-91 for Scott.

Felix Coleman, 134, veteran Vallejo lightweight, pounded out a victory over Elmo Ellis, 140, S.F., in six rounds.

Results of fours: Al Loretz, 158, dec. Willie Simmons, 157; Doug Garrett, 149, drew with Tony Moss, 145; Kid Sixto, 170, KO'd Ted Juarez, 167, in 3.

▶ West coast fans were given an emphatic reminder of the impermanence of world athletic prominence by the death of Frankie Brown in San Francisco. Brown was one of three men in a prize ring which held the attention of millions in May, 1955.

Throughout the world radio listeners were intent on the activities of Champion Rocky Marciano, Don Cockell and Referee Frankie Brown. These were in addition to the many thousands who watched these three men on theater television. And for the next several days after Marciano's kayo victory, nearly every newspaper carried pictures of Rocky, Don and Referee Frankie.

First to fade from prominence after the bout was Cockell, youngest of the trio. Apparently softened by Marciano's punches, Don was first kayoed by Nino Valdez in London. Then when a little known opponent knocked him out a few months later, Cockell gave up fighting.

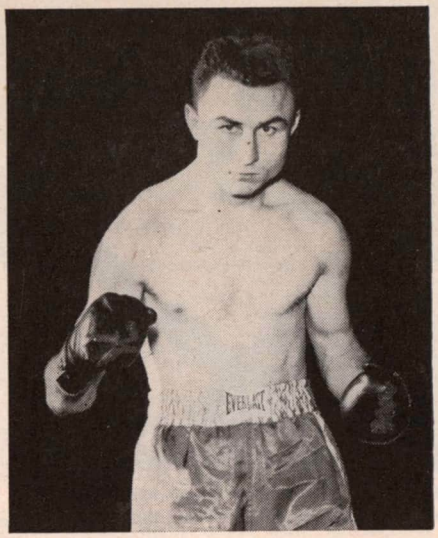
A short time ago Rocky himself retired as champion and a few weeks later, Referee Brown, aged 51, succumbed to a heart attack.

Brown, a busy Northern California official, officiated at a number of championship fights in the Cow Palace. The Marciano-Cockell championship clash at Kezar Stadium was the high point in Brown's career.

Like many good referees, Brown was a boxer himself in his younger days. He fought in many San Francisco bouts as a lightweight. Tall and rangy, he was rated as an excellent ringman. His family name is Ferrando—the youngster first taking the name Frankie Brown when he started his ring career.

▶ When close to 5,000 fans pay a gross of $6,387 to see a televised fight, figures speak louder than words. That's what happened at Hollywood Legion Stadium when Irish Tommy Bain, 128½, triumphed over undefeated Vince Delgado, 127, in a red-hot slugfest. Delgado was 3-1 pre-battle choice.

The verdict was unanimous: Referee George Latka saw it 95-93; Judge Frankie Van, 98-92; and Judge Tommy Herman, 96-94. The cash customers agreed with the officials, and a guy who bounces for his ducat rates priority over a deadhead, in my book. Even though I've paid for tickets only one time in the last 40 years. Which



Kenny Davis, former leatherneck, who won the California state featherweight championship by defeating Jose Luis Cotero at the Hollywood Stadium.

makes me a deadhead, too.

In the six-round semi, Pete Gonzalez, 160, defeated Eddie McGowan, 161. The fours: Herman Duncan, 128½, won over Rickey Palma, 128½; Art Lopez, 140, decisioned Billy Gill, 142; and Ray Copeland, 137½, duked Al Contreras, 139.

▶ Tombstone Smith, 145½, laid claim to the vacant State welterweight title when he whipped Charley Sawyer, 147, at the Olympic Auditorium in a slambang 12-rounder. It was a close fight; in fact, a split decision. Referee Dynamite Jackson voted for Smith, 114-113; so did Judge Tommy Hart, 110-107. Judge Mushy Callahan voted for Sawyer, 115-112.

There was the usual agonizing delay before the verdict was announced—a familiar incident since California adopted that silly "10-must" system. Cards are checked and re-checked—but what does that prove? In the 11-point system, they all had to reach the same total.

Posey Bridges, 140, and Toney Reyes, 139, battled to a draw in the six-round semi. The fours: Jim Hall, 191, technical draw (3) with Chubby Duess, 189; Dave Gailes, 148½, won over Tunney Alonzo, 151½.

▶ Flash Elorde, Filipino featherweight champion, tries to end all his fights in a hurry, but he had difficulty finding the range in the early rounds in his clash with Gil Velarde of L.A. at San Francisco Gardens. But the Oriental speedster did send the customers home a bit early. He caught up with the elusive Velarde and stopped him in seven rounds of a scheduled ten when Referee Johnny Lotsy intervened. Each battler weighed 130.

Tommy Thomas, 144, Portland, recently National AAU welter champion, took a six round decision from veteran Chief Archie Whitewater, 145. Thomas took every round, with one big exception. Whitewater had him on the floor for nine in the fifth.

In another six-er, Ruben Orona, 150, Oakland, outpointed Charlie Clark, 146, L.A.

Charlie Coffee, 135, decisioned Deacon Bryant, 139, in 4.

▶ Reuben Hernandez made his first main event try a success by knocking out Tommy Villa in the seventh round. Hernandez, 172, San Francisco, and Villa, 170, Decoto, were slated to go ten sessions at San Francisco Gardens.

Hernandez had his foe close to a knockout in the third, fourth and sixth. A left and right to the head in the seventh started Villa downward, and a right to the jaw completed the job.

It was close in the six-round semi, with Reuben Vargas, 183, S.F., outslugging Joe Louis III, 182, Oakland. In another six, Vinnie Hines, 138, S.F., outpointed Chico Arroyo, 137, Oakland.

Four round scorecard: Norvill Gaddis, 185, dec. Rudy Coleman, 178; Felix Coleman, 137, TKO'd Vic Cardot in 1.

▶ It was the end of the trail for Keeny Teran, boyish-faced 25-year old, father of two.

He was sentenced five years to life in San Quentin Prison for selling narcotics. Eleven times between 1949 and last March Teran was arrested, on narcotic charges. He was acquitted twice; the other charges failed to stand up.

The end came on March 23rd, when Keeny made the mistake of selling two ounces of heroin to a police officer.

No fighter who strayed from the straight and narrow path had more chances, more lenience shown to him than this same Keeny Teran.

My sympathy and pity goes to his wife, Celia, and his two little girls, Cindy, 2, and Sally, 4.

▶ Charley Green, once known as the Chiller until the public kinda chilled on him, took a turn for the better at Hollywood Legion Stadium when he scored a 6-round TKO over Said Khalfi of Algeria. Green, 160½, Khalfi, 164.

Khalfi had more giblets than ability. He took everything that came his way, but offered only token opposition. Green, favored at 3-1, was far out in front on everybody's score-card when Referee Frankie Van mercifully stopped the one-sided affair.

In the six-round semi, Walter Tyler, 145½, outpointed Joe Abasta, 141. The fours: Alfredo Zuany, 192, defeated Gene Thompson, 186; Freddy Montor, 149, duked Herman Beasley, 146; and Dave Gailes, 147, drew with Tunney Alonzo, 148½.

▶ Don Jordan, 140, easily outpointed Timmy Jefferson, 143, at the Olympic Auditorium. Jefferson subbed for Baby Le Roy. Jordan loafed until the 7th; from there on he was the boss. It was not a thriller. In the six-round semi, Vince Davi, 145½, drew with Questa Walker, 141.

The fours: Forrest Davis, 149, decisioned Ray Porras, 148½; Frank Jennings, 139, decisioned Benny Robledo, 139; and Sammy Seals, 165½, won over Charles Elliott, 161½.

▶ Most popular New Orleans fighter campaigning on the West Coast is Al Villafarra, who rolled up a long string of victories in the Stockton area last year. On his 1956 California invasion, Villafarra tangled with San Francisco's hottest prospect, Dave Johnson. In a ten rounder at San Francisco Gardens, Johnson had his hands full, but eked out a close decision. Each weighed 145.

Referee was Ken Overlin, former world's middleweight champion. He scored the fight 98 to 95 for Johnson. Most newspapermen had Johnson ahead by a single point, 96-95. A blistering tenth session was evên.

Bob Butcher, 201, brought his win streak to seven by knocking out Ernie Bernard, 194, in the first.

Scheduled fours: Rudy Sanchez, 134, dec. Marvin Marquez, 139; Joe Brewer, 158, outpointed Al Loretz, 157; William Sanchez, 124, dec. Max Tellis, 128.

▶ George Parmenfier, 230, of Eureka, failed to keep Calvin Chambers, 208, on the floor after decking him twice in the first round. The Sacramento battler weathered the storm and came back to make a creditable showing in the second. But giant George got the range again in the third and put Chambers out for keeps in 2.50 of that round at the Eureka (Calif.) Civic Auditorium.

Jimmy McCoy, 147, of Orick, went eight fast rounds to a draw with Chuck Courtney, 143, Sacramento.

In the fours: Chief Candy, 136, KO'd Kent Gordon, 138, in 1; Ronnie Marshall, 157, dec. Joe Carter, 155.

BOXING IN PANAMA

By Juan Copeland

AT THE ARENA COLON, at a show promoted by Sydney Arias, Claudio Martinez, brother of Isidro, earned a split decision over Byron Cumberbatch in 10 rounds. (Bantams)

In the semi-windup Jesus Santamaria gained the unanimous decision over Manuel Prescott in six, (Feathers). Benito Tunon beat Carlos Sierra in four. (Lightweights).

Daniel Ward, who changed his fighting name to Archie Moore II, won the unanimous verdict over Randy Turpine II, in 4. (Lightweights).

A NEW FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION WAS CROWNED on June 24 at the Panama City National Gymnasium when Isidro Martinez, 124½, knocked out Rodolfo Bobo Francis, 125, in the eleventh round to gain the crown. Francis was down in the second round for eight. It was his first defense of his title which he held less than three months.

Jesus Sta Maria, 126, stopped Enrique Perea, 124½, in the second. The referee halted the bout.

Tito Marshall, 121½, stopped Jose Watson, 118, in the second, and Juan Lezama, 124¾, gained the verdict over Lizares Torres, 125, in four. Torres Brochers was the promoter.

Punching power of flashy Algerian featherweight is demonstrated by clean knockdown over rugged Miguel Berrios in Madison Square Garden. Hamia shaped up so impressively in his three victories in American invasion that he's now mentioned as Champion Sandy Saddler's probable opponent in world title match.

HAMIA, *the New French Toast*

A CURRENT example of how deceiving appearances can be is Cherif Hamia, baby-faced French-Algerian, mentioned as Champion Sandy Saddler's probable next opponent in a world featherweight title match.

To meet him casually, you'd guess Hamia to be almost anything but what he is. He looks much younger than his 25 years, and the impression is accentuated by large twinkling eyes and lips curled into a mischievous smile. Tall and slender, he seems almost delicate for the rugged trade of a prizefighter.

And, yet, if there is a featherweight anywhere in the wide world today with a chance of dethroning Saddler, this innocent-looking Algerian appears to be the one with the necessary equipment for the job.

Hamia has two things that have always bothered Saddler—a fast, flitting style of boxing, and a snappy, authentic right hand. Now that the aging veteran (Sandy is 30, and has packed in 162 fights since he began operations in 1944) has been giving definite indications of slowing down, these assets of Hamia's can be more bothersome than ever to the long, lean, lanky champion.

Whether Cherif also has the toughness and stamina needed to beat Saddler is something that remains to be seen.

How did Hamia happen to become interested in boxing?

Although he could hardly be called affluent in the language, Cherif has picked up quite a few English words during his rambles, and is capable of holding a normal conversation without the use of an interpreter.

He tells you that, as a boy, he hung around the gymnasiums in Algiers, watching fighters in training. The sport fascinated him, so he decided to take a whirl in the amateurs.

What did his family think of his boxing?

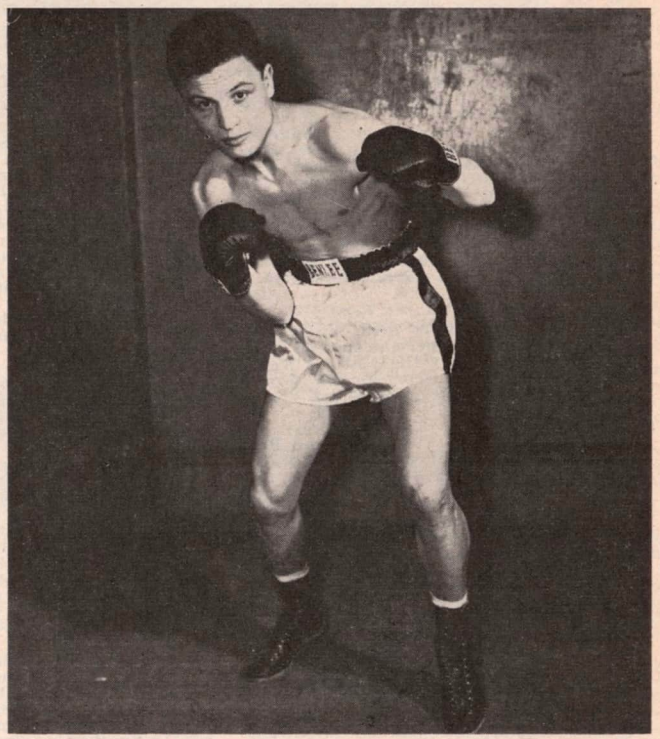
They didn't like it very well. His father, a mason, wanted Cherif to become one, but the youngster, during his hitch with the French army, went in for pharmacy, and that's the trade he intends following when his ring career ends.

Does he still live in Algeria?

No. Since turning professional in 1953, he has lived in Paris. He's married and has two youngsters of his own.

Looking over his pro record, you learn that in 28 starts he has been beaten only once—that was by a one-round knockout.

A draw, with former European Champion Jean Sneyers of Belgium, is the only other bout Hamia has failed to win. Of his 26 victories, exactly half have been by knockouts.



Cherif Hamia, French featherweight champion.

In his 15th start he became French champion by stopping Jacques Dumesnil in ten rounds in Paris. In his 24th outing he knocked out world bantamweight champion Robert Cohen, also in the tenth round in Paris.

In his three American bouts, Hamia whipped Carmelo Costa, Ike Chestnut and Miguel Berrios.

What does he think of his chances against Saddler?

He smiles. He saw Sandy with Ray Famechon in Paris a couple of years ago and readily concedes that the champion is a good fighter, but feels this his own youth, speed and punch give him an excellent chance to win.

"France she have two champions of the world featherweight," he says, referring to Eugene Criqui and Andre Routis. "Maybe things make three and I am the one, *n'est ce pas?*"

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

ARTHUR FINKS, ONE OF THE NICEST GUYS ever to become associated with the boxing game here in the Motor City, gave this vicinity one of the finest shows offered here-abouts. With the card held at Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck, Mayor Albert Zak, declared June 23 DUKE HARRIS DAY for Duke, who was born and reared in Hamtramck, was not only making his first appearence locally, but it was his first real chance against a ranked opponent.

Ramon Fuentes, highly regarded west coast contender from Los Angeles, found Harris a Tartar. Fuentes, who has defeated the likes of Art (Golden Boy) Aragon, Hector Constance, Joe Miceli, George Barnes and fought a draw with Gil Turner, had his hands full all the way. Harris fought a clever and cool battle against the veteran, beating him to the punch repeatedly in a bout that was a crowd pleaser, but lost the verdict.

The official scoring of the bout went: Judge Bill Appleton, Harris 95 points and Fuentes 91, and in rounds 6-3-1; Judge Andy (Kid) Brown, Harris 96 points, Fuentes 92, and in rounds 5-3-2; Referee Bobby Watson, Harris 95 points and Fuentes 93, and in rounds 5-4-1.

Another ten rounder had Art Greenwald's very promising young heavyweight, Don Jasper, of Detroit, stopped hard punching Cal Vernon, of Milwaukee. The latter couldn't answer the bell for the third round.

Popular Dearborn middleweight Joe Gray, ran his winning streak to fifteen straight without a loss when he scored his best name win to date over veteran Bob Rossi, the Cedar Rapids, Iowa school teacher, in a six.

Bill London, crowd pleasing Detriot middleweight, and Leffie Walker, of Saginaw, put on an excellent slug-fest standing toe-to-toe for six solid rounds with London being awarded the duke after a great battle. John L. Parry, Detroit welter, reversed a previous defeat when he won the nod over Billy Gillespie (or John), of Benton Harbor, in another six. It was Parry's twelfth victory in fifteen starts.

▶In his first start since his great effort against Ezzard Charles, popular Don Jasper, formerly of Duluth, Minn., now making his quarters in Detroit, punched out a good ten round decision over Gene White, of St. Paul, Minn., in a headliner at the Windsor Arena. Jasper was in command all the way. White had previously won a decision over Don late last year.

Another ten, found King George Moore, a sensational heavyweight comer from Detriot, upsetting veteran and ninth ranking lightheavy Marty Marshall, also from Detroit. Although having had only six previous fights, Moore, finding it almost impossible to get work, took the Marshall fight and won it by a lopsided margin. Marshall was down twice.

The official scoring was announced at the end of each round of both the Jasper-White and Moore-Marshall bouts and proved very popular. Score boards were placed at both ends of the Arena for the fans to have a chance to see the round-by-round tabulation. This writer for one feels that the idea is sound.

In a six rounder, Leffie Walker, Saginaw middleweight, and Chuck Craig, hard punching Monroe pugilist, fought to an excellent free swinging draw, and in the four round curtain raiser, Len Richards, Detroit heavy, bested Raymond Griggs, of Detroit also, in a close duel.

▶**BEHIND THE HEADLINES** . . . Manager Walter Pate, has been having his troubles trying to move his good middleweight, Eddie Smith, since his excellent victory over highly touted Artie Towne, here at the Motor City a short time ago. In his last thirteen starts, Smith has lost only one bout, a disputed duke to Bobby Boyd in Chicago. Smith deserves a shot at some of the ranking contenders.

▶Studio Boxing made its entry into the local sport picture when station CKLW-TV in Windsor presented the international team of Julius Piazza and Hap Tucker's first show. With less than 100 studio fans on hand, all permitted inside of the station building room where it was presented, Mickey Crawford, 150, Saginaw, stopped his game but outclassed opponent, Larry McCartney, 151, of Toledo, at 2:11 of the fifth and final round. Lou Jallos stepped in to halt the contest. The win for Crawford was his sixth straight, since turning pro after a sensational amateur career.

In the other bout Chuck Craig, 160, Monroe, decisioned Leffie Walker, 158½, Saginaw, after five good rounds of action. The pair had fought to a draw several weeks earlier. These shows are being promoted on an eight weeks trial basis with the station and promoters hopeful that they will be picked up by a sponsor.

▶All for this month, but contact this writer at 8799 Homer Avenue, Detroit 9, Michigan, for any info. . . .

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By Ike Morales

(Pinch-hitting for Broadway Johnny Cox)

AFTER SOME LIVELY ATTRACTIONS here for some time, there was a lull in the sport during the month of June as Promoters Bonnie Geigerman and Heard Ragas squared off for lucrative bouts in the future.

Big news, however, was announced that Joe Brown, 30-year-old New Orleans veteran, would get his chance for a lightweight title against champion Wallace (Bud) Smith of Cincinnati. The bout to take place at the New Orleans Municipal Auditorium.

New Orleans, at one time a leading fight center, was the site of several championship fights many, many years ago. In fact, it was at the old Olympia Club on Royal Street back in 1892 when three world's championship fights were staged on successive nights.

On Sept. 5, 1892, Jack McAuliffe stopped Billy Myer in the 15th round for the lightweight championship. The following night, George Dixon stopped Jack Skelly in eight for the featherweight championship, while on Sept. 7, James J. Corbett dethroned the mighty John L. Sullivan of his heavyweight crown by stopping the Boston Strong Man in 21 rounds.

It was not until February 7, 1916, before another world's title bout was held in New Orleans. That was when Pete Herman held champion Kid Williams to a 20-round draw at the old Louisiana Auditorium.

Eleven months later—January 9, 1917, Herman lifted the bantamweight crown from Williams' brow by winning a 20-round decision from the Baltimore boy. And, on November 5, of the same year, successfully defended the title in another 20-rounder with Frankie Burns. All three 20-rounders were held in the Louisiana Auditorium.

Jackie Callura and Phil Terranova staged two featherweight title fights (NBA version) here in 1943.

The French-Canadian lost his NBA title to Terranova in eight rounds on Aug. 16, 1943, at Pelican Baseball Stadium, and in a return bout on Dec. 27, 1943, was again stopped by Terranova in the Coliseum—this time in six rounds.

The Louisiana Boxing Club, which staged two previous TV shows, including the Charley Joseph-Milo Savage middleweight bout, and the Willie Pastrano-Chuck Spieser heavyweight contest, is promoting the Brown-Smith championship fight with Matchmaker Bonnie Geigerman and Promoter J. T. Owen.

New Orleans boxers were high up in the Ring Magazine ratings with Willie Pastrano, Ralph Dupas, Joe Brown and Charley Joseph hitting the select circle.

The August ratings had Pastrano the No. 5 challenger among the heavyweights, while Ralph Dupas was No. 1 in the lightweight division. Joe Brown was No. 8 in the same division, but received the August 10 title match with Wallace (Bud) Smith. And Joseph, beaten but once in close to 40 pro fights, was No. 5 among the middleweights.

Local promoters are keeping the above named fighters busy, and there's a strong possibility that Dupas, Joseph or Pastrano may swing into a title match before 1957 is over.

Joseph has sprung up by leaps and bounds since his two-year hitch with Uncle Sam's Army. Charley's only defeat was by George Benton shortly before the local middleweight embarked on an Army career. That fight was staged at Miami Beach.

The middleweight division is probably the toughest of the eight classes. But there are many who believe Joseph has a fine chance of reaching the heights, if given the opportunity.

For a change, boxing was at a standstill during the month of June. . . so I thought I'd reminisce on the coming lightweight title match here and other title bouts staged here years ago. . . together, of course, with fighters who made the Ring ratings.

SHORT JABS:—Broadway Johnny Cox, conductor of this column for many years, is in poor health here at Veterans' Hospital . . . "Broadway" has been in the boxing game as manager, trainer, and publicist for more than 40 years, and at one time was associated with Leo P. Flynn and Eddie Meade. . . . Larry Boardman and Cisco Andrade were given flattering offers to meet Ralph Dupas. . . . Boardman and Dupas would pack-em-in, with a gate close to $45,000. It would be a "hot" match for New Orleans, just as the last Ryff-Dupas fight which hit close to 50 Grand. . . . Allen LaCombe, former Boy Promoter, is head of the public relations staff of Lincoln Beach. But Allen is certain he'll be back in the promotional fight game before long. . . . A local welterweight prospect is Herbie Rodrigues, who is unbeaten in a dozen fights. . . . Crowe Peele, former NCAA heavyweight champion from Louisiana State University, is another who will have to be watched. Peele, now under the management of Hector Knowles, who handles nothing but collegiate and ex-collegiate boxers, has won all 10 of his money fights.

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IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST RINGS
By R. D. Casey

Cancelled and postponed bouts again kept the major arenas in the Northwest dark, while some action was provided in the smaller clubs.

▶In a big upset at Boise, Jimmy Grow, 135, Lewiston, kayoed artist battered Bobby Woods, 135, Spokane, to get a 2-round kayo when Bobby's Uncle, Chuck Woods, threw in the towel to save his boy from further punishment. Grow is now the new Pacific Northwest lightweight champion.

CASEY'S CORNER:

Dick Lane continues to pile up wins, his latest victim Garth Panther via a duke at Billings. . . . Huge Johnny Arthur, 229, the South African champ who looked good in the N.W. a couple years ago, lost to unknown George Chuvalo, 202, in Toronto. . . . Matt Jackson, Fort Lewis soldier heavy, travelled to Frisco to face Eddie Machen but was unequal to the task. Machen scored an easy four round kayo. . . . Canada's highly touted Wilfe Greaves, 152, beat Alan Kennedy, 147, in Winnipeg over 10. Wilfe is well liked across the line where he was a sensational amateur champion. . . . Peculiar situation here in the N.W., major sports centers like Seattle, Spokane and Vancouver have a hard time staging any boxing shows at all while small clubs in Boise, Billings and Butte run regularly. Could be the difference in promoters?

SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By Less Huffman

VINCE RISKO, BROTHER OF BABE, FORMER MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMP, has taken over the management of Bobby Gordon, a middleweight with promise, and Sammy Angott, former lightweight king, will train him.

Gordon has stopped eighteen of his thirty-five opponents and lost only five bouts.

▶Charleston, W. Virginia promoter Farris has tossed in the sponge, due to lack of patronage.

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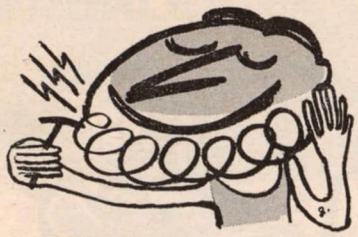

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NEW BANTAM CHAMP

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at the basilica of Santa Maria Novella in Florence. More than 1,000 people turned out for the wedding. It was a heart-tugging moment when each painfully uttered "Si" when the priest asked them to seal their vows.

That year they took a honeymoon trip to the Orient where Mario whipped high ranking Little Cezar and then returned home to prepare for the title bout with Cohen.

When the match was signed, D'Agata reached a peak that no other deaf mute fighter had achieved before in the history of boxing. In the past there have been only a handful of deaf mute fighters, the more prominent being Silent Martin, a topnotch middleweight who fought around the first World War and Gene Hairston, another top middleweight who was active until a few years ago. Gene defeated Kid Gavilan and kayoed Paddy Young among others.

In the far, far long ago, an English battler, James (Deaf) Burke, ruled the roost as champion of England when he won the heavyweight title from Simon Byrne in 1833. He held the crown for six years before being beaten by "Bendigo". Burke came to America and defeated Samuel O'Rourke in 1836 and Tom O'Connell the next year. He was the first English champion to come to America and could well be classed as the first World Champion.

Paul Berlenbach who was world light heavyweight champion from 1925 to 1926, was a deaf mute as a child. He didn't gain full use of his voice and hearing until after he began his boxing career.

However, Mario D'Agata stands alone, as a figure of courage and determination.

His triumph has given new hope to all the handicapped youth of the world. He has shown that the will to win can overcome great obstacles and that no matter how hard the climb to the top, it can be done.

WE MUST BEAT THE POLES

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wrestling for the American Olympic tryouts. Games and sports have been held and will continue so throughout the year wherever our armed forces are stationed and they have become synonymous for physical fitness, esprit de corps, and high morale in the servicemen's life.

"A body contact sport, boxing plays a major role in furthering the effectiveness of the varied U.S. Army's European soldier athletic program," said Major Sigholtz when interviewed on possible Olympic talent.

"We have the largest boxing program in the world today," said Major Sigholtz, *"with such widely separated locales as England, France, Germany and Italy making up our Army boxing camp. We have listed a total of 2581 registered simon-pures mittmen, engaging 15000 individual matches and these men have competed to date on 1500 military boxing cards that provide not only thrills and excitement aplenty for upwards of 800,000 American spectators per year, but have provided us with material which the various branches of the armed forces feel can hold their own against the cream of the civilian amateurs."*

"We shall send our top talent to compete at Fort Myer, Virginia for the All-Army championships to be held between October 1 and October 6, and the winners will become eligible to compete in the U.S. Olympic tryouts in San Francisco. We have high hopes of placing several boys on the team that will go to Melbourne. From Fort Myer the USAREUR winners will progress to the Interservice finals and then on to the Olympic trials."

Major Sigholtz, Col. Pepper of the Airforce and Bianco were high in praise of the help given to the service men by this publication whose articles on the activities of the Service branches are widely read.

The keynote of the far-flung USAREUR ring program, a program far beyond anything attempted by any other nation, including Russia, is the safety and welfare of the individual participating in the military boxing activity. No serviceman who has engaged in professional boxing is permitted to compete in the program but is accepted by those in command as an instructor aid to those in charge. The rule is rigidly enforced both in the Army and in the Airforce.

As Major Sigholtz and Col. Pepper pointed out, there is a three fold purpose that underlies the athletic program mapped out in Washington headquarters and carried out in all commands:

1—To afford organized competition for outstanding athletes.

2—To provide a program of spectator sports for troops and civilians stationed throughout USAREUR.

3—To select the most outstanding athletes in all branches for participation in All-Army, Interservice and International competition.

One of the best among the European bantams is a Pole, Jerry Adamski, a 19 year old engineering student who his nation thinks will be the Olympic winner in his class. Another classy performer is 22 year old Henryk Niedwiedzki, a Polish Army officer who is in the lightweight class. He possesses stamina, skill and a punch. He has won all but 18 of his 163 boxing bouts.

The livliest pugilist ever produced in Lower Silesia, according to the Poles, is a tough, hard clouting welter, Tadeusz Wallasek of whom much is expected in the Olympics. The Polish trainer, Felix Stanim, thinks he'll win the Melbourne final in his class.

Unlike in America where final choices for the U.S. Olympic team in all branches are made after a series of elimination matches, in Russia and Poland, the Olympic competitors have been known for some time and they are the ones who are placed in competition in the various international meets in Europe to keep them in trim for the Melbourne games.

As at this time, I pick the U.S. to win the boxing crown in Australia because of our talent in the armed forces, with Poland and Russia trailing in that order.

This, despite the poor calibre of boxing seen in the recent AAU National Championships.

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IN THE OCTOBER ISSUE THE RESULTS OF THE HALL OF FAME ELECTIONS—1956

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
By C. W. Steele

DICK HOWARD, CANADIAN LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION, SCORED A unanimous decision in ten torrid rounds over TEDDY "RED TOP" DAVIS fighting out of ZANESVILLE, OHIO, at the Halifax N. S. Forum. DAVIS Scaled 142, Howard 139.

GERRY FRASER, 155, Bridgewater, was awarded a unanimous eight round decision over NORMAN GAUTREAU, 148, of Moncton.

In a six round special, BUDDY DAYE, 128, Halifax, won a clean cut decision over BENNY RANDALL, 127, of Sydney.

LEONARD SPARKS, Halifax lightweight, chilled KID PARIS, 140, New Glascow, in round one and ELROY SPARKS stopped GEORGE BURNS, in round two.

▶Stellarton, N. S., was the scene of a ten round slugging spree with DOUG ODO, 150, THORBURN, emerging with the decision over KEITH PARIS, 146, Halifax.

An action packed semi-final six saw EVERETT MASON win a split decision over JIMMY GILLIS of Halifax. Each scaled 142.

ALLIE STEELE, 129, of Reserve Mines, shaded DOUG PATTERSON, 128, Stellarton, in four rounds. MIKE MAC NEIL, 130, Trenton, decisioned TYRONE GARDINER, 129, Sydney Mines, in four rounds.

▶DICK HOWARD, 133, stopped JACKIE HAYDEN, 133, of Westville in the seventh round of a scheduled twelve round title bout, sanctioned by the Canadian Boxing Federation at the Halifax N. S. Forum.

GORDIE MAC DOUGALL, 160, Sydney, won an eye-lash decision over BOB HESSON, 171, in six rounds.

LEROY JONES, 130, Halifax, iced RUFUF GRAHAM, 132, Boston, in the fifth.

JOHNNY GRIFFITHS, 149, Halifax, punched out AL MACKAY, 142, Westville, in round three. GEORGE BURNS, 134, Halifax, won all the way over FRED CARVERY, 139, in four rounds.

▶Maritime middleweight champion COBEY MACCLUSKEY, 153, Dartmouth, N. S., and GARY SIMON, 155, New Glascow, N. S., battled to a ten round draw.

BOB LEADLEY, 160, Dartmouth, scored a unanimous decision over JOHNNY GRIFFITH, 156, Halifax, in the semi-final six.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

WILLIE PEP AND LULU PEREZ set the stage for an encore bout by virtue of victories gathered by each in main events at Miami Beach during the past month. Willie, twice former featherweight champ looking for the third, took on and defeated Russ Tague, while Perez, who had stopped Pep, ushered in a decision over Rudy Ortega.

▶Getting more competition than he has had in some time, little Willie Pep gained a 10 round decision over Russ Tague at Miami Beach. Tague, an undaunted youngster from Davenport, Iowa forgot all about Pep's rep and tried for the short cut to fame in the last half of the bout. Willie tipped 130½, compared to 128 for Russ. Bobby Lane, 172, Miami, shocked Tom Tatum, 176, Miami, with a fourth round kayo. They made it a fight until the end came. Tony Grasso, 130, Hartford, beat Curly Steward, 135, Miami, in a good four round go. Bobby Freeman, 142½, Miami, TKO'ed Tino Fuertes, 139½, Tampa, in two. Sammy Stone, 159, Pompano, whipped Tommy Fields, 155, Philadelphia in four. Howie Schwartz, 147, Cincinnati, TKO'ed Willie Finney, Miami, (3).

▶The winning ways of Rudy Ortega, notching 15 straight, came to an end at Miami Beach when the young 127 pound Havanan lost in 10 rounds to Lulu Perez, of Brooklyn. The winner, at 130, and striving to reach his former high ranking, made it an open and shut case by starting off good and ending the same way. Lulu possessed the better punching department to help carve out the unanimous nod. In the semi, Julian Keene, 180, Washington, D. C., was sent to the canvas in the first round by Sipio Lofton, 197½, Baltimore. But Keene wasn't keen on sitting down, so he got up to later deposit his tormentor in the same position, twice in the seventh. That's when it was stopped and Julian won a TKO victory. Bunky Frazier, 129, Washington, D. C., took four from Mario Colon, 128, Puerto Rico. A good four round draw resulted in the bout between Ray Estepa, 134½, Puerto Rico, and Ray Davis, 133, Miami. Gomeo Brennan, 152½, Bimini, annexed four from Eddie Fobbs, 158½, Philadelphia. Chris Dundee promoted.

▶In his first start since last September, Bobby Dykes, 161½, former ranking welterweight and middleweight from Miami and San Antonio looked but little of his one-time self. Facing Willie Troy, 163, another top-notcher a short time back, Dykes did but little to indicate if he could belong with the best in his class. After 10 rounds of so-so milling at Miami Beach, Troy was given a split duke before a gathering of 2,110 fans. Ray Estepa, 136½, Puerto Rico, bested Ray Davis, 135, Miami, a good four between the lads. Irish Kelly Davis, 185½, Homestead, held Joey Ray, 201, of Miami, even in four. Jim Taylor, 190½, Washington, D. C., scored over Willie Gulatt, 210, Miami, in a four. A draw was called in the sixer between Tony Celano, 150½, Baltimore, and Eddie Fobbs, 149, Fort Lauderdale. Gene Lewis, 162, Miami, upset Tom Simonetti, 163½, Hollywood, in six. Chris Dundee promoted. The gate: $4,274.

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ARK-LA JABS
By Bill McIntyre

ST. LOUIS BLUES—One of the finest professional boxing cards in the history of North Louisiana pugilism was presented at Monroe, La. on June 21, 2,000 persons crowded into Gus Kallio's Arena to witness a pair of 10-round co-features involving Virgil Akins and Clarence Cook, both of St. Louis.

Akins, the world's fourth-ranking welterweight, used Don Jose of Oakland, Calif., for a punching bag for almost 12 minutes before knocking him out in 2:58 of the fourth round. Akins weighed 150 to Jose's 148.

In the co-feature, Cook, 156, a Bastrop, La. favorite now operating under Eddie Yawitz's banner in St. Louis, bobbed and bounced his way to a unanimous decision over Jimmy Perrault, 156, St. Paul, Minn.

Ernest Buford, 150, Memphis, four times a main-eventer at New Orleans, threw enough right hand bombs at Al Jones, 150, St. Louis, to win the closing 8-rounder.

Jesse Goins, 140, Monroe, gave away 10 pounds to the Hip Di Ditty Kid of Memphis in the opening 4-rounder and it was too much of a handicap. The Kid won going away.

▶Bobby Jones, 166, Bossier City, jabbed and hooked his way to an easy victory over Billy Dixon, 178, Shreveport, in a 6-rounder.

Al McCoy, 161½, Longview, Tex., defeated Columbus Marshall, 157, Shreveport, in 6; Roosevelt Douglas, 155, Shreveport, eked out a points victory over James Strogen, 152, Shreveport, in 6; A. W. Marshall, 135, Shreveport, narrowly nipped Leroy Manafee, 142, Red Chute, in 5.

▶Bobby Jones of Bossier City, scored in a wild-swinging 8-round brawl but he had to take it the hard way, via a split decision over classy Al McCoy of Longview, Tex. Jones weighed in at 164 pounds to McCoy's 163.

Billy Dixon, 178, Shreveport, jabbed his way to a decision over Gus Carter, 174, Longview, in a dull 6-rounder; Laster Gilliard, 152, Benton, outclassed Jesse Goins, 142, Monroe in 4; Henry Burton, 159, Monroe, clubbed his way past Columbus Marshall, 152, in a blood-smeared 6; and Roosevelt Douglas, 155, Shreveport, scored a one-sided edge over Robert Williams, 153, Monroe, in 4.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

HARTFORD—HARTFORD'S BILLY LYNCH, 145, MADE THE MOST of his first bid for national welterweight recognition by trouncing veteran Luther Rawlings, 151, of Chicago at the State Theatre. Rawlings, a 2½ to 1 favorite, proved no match for the eager Lynch who lost only one round in this, his first ten round main event.

Steve Ward, 138, Hartford, won a close decision over Edgar Stover, 138, New York. Paul Lee, 130, and Johnny Juliano, 129, both of Hartford, fought to a rousing draw of six rounds. Jimmy Monts, 165, Hartford, decisioned Ernie Bridgeforth, 162, New York, in four. Dennis McCann, 180, Hartford, defeated Gunnar Warme, 178, Bridgeport, in another four.

▶East Hartford—Joe Davis, 146, Brooklyn, decisioned Joe Loyaza, 148, Cuba, in the 8 round feature bout sponsored by the East Hartford Knights of Columbus. Davis, a clever, aggressive fighter, scored his tenth straight win as a pro over Loyaza who fought only in spurts. Referee Billy Taylor scored every round for the winner.

In a four, Johnny Williams, 137, Hartford, made his pro debut a winning one by defeating Leroy Johnson, 135, New York. In another four, Jimmy Sestry, 129, Bolton, scored a 3rd round TKO over Nick Renick, 131, Hartford.

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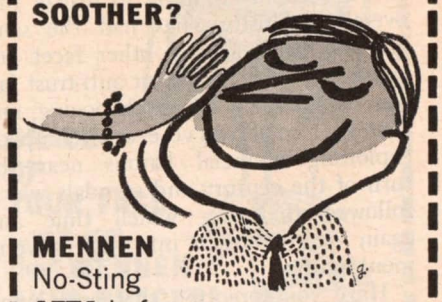

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SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

ALTHOUGH EZZARD CHARLES, FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT KING, is on the downgrade, he continues to ply his trade with a victory now and then. His friends would prefer to see him retire.

Eddie Burgin's Chicago comeback on June 20 did not prove too good. He lost a six rounder to Pete Kawaula. Howie Schwartz scored a three round TKO over Willie Finney on the Pep-Tague bout in Miami Beach.

Guido Cianchetti is the new manager of Ronnie Delaney.

IOWA-SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS
By Bill Hawkins

PINKIE GEORGE, VETERAN DES MOINES SPORTS PROMOTER, informs the writer that he will be in Sioux City early this fall to discuss various sports promotions in the Sioux City Auditorium. Both wrestling and professional boxing will be put on the round-table.

▶LAST MINUTE SPARKS . . . Our mailing list for Siouxland Sports, sent free to wrestling fans is being revised for the 1956-57 season. . . . If you want your name on this list—drop us a card. . . . Our new address after August 1, will be 2600 Roswell Street, Sunnyside Adition, Sioux City, Ia.

FROM OUR READERS

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competition?"

It continually runs upon its own sword without stopping to realize that overall its history has had the same growing pains as any other facet you can name. It acts like an anti-trust law was set up solely to watch boxing, and that isn't so if you've ever read up on exploiting financial barons near the turn of the century and scandals which followed thereafter which time and again were to reach into high government posts.

Have you forgotten that once upon a time a fighter didn't even dare use his right name? That biffing was held in frowsy lofts or out-of-the-way places one jump ahead of the paddy wagon? That N. D.'s were the rule rather than the exception? That the usual setup was a brass knuckle atmosphere rather than attempt at orderly regulation, cleanliness and protective devices that have raised it out of the turtlenecked pug medium toward reasonable status of being recognized in the world of amateur and professional sports?

I fail to see where it is to be 'damned with faint praise indeed' when almost any other major sport you can name has had its share of dirty back alleys, promotion an management monopolies that had to be opened at the seams, sacred cows and just about the same wave of headaches that boxing is trying to find aspirin relief for. Barring criminal intrusions (which boxing has had no monopoly on, that's for sure!).

Who can say that survival still isn't a prime chore even with all the do-it-easy-way gimmicks attached? Boxing hasn't the monopoly on that either?

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Andy Leary,
Milwaukee, Wis.

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In your last magazine a gentleman by the name of John Colonna from Boston, Mass., had in some very good facts about Marciano being a very underrated fighter.

Some people that think they know it all about boxing should come to their senses and realize that if Marciano hadn't had what it takes to be a good champion he would never have been in there to begin with.

My hat is off to a man like Marciano he done a great deal for boxing and you can't blame the champ one bit for wanting to be with his family.

But now lets all wait and see how long it goes before Marciano is rated among the so called rough and tough old timers.

Richard Eugene Lutz
Ephrata, Pa.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

LITTLE CEZAR, 121¼, WON THE DECISION OVER GORDON BELL, 121½, of Australia, in a 10 rounder at the Coliseum. The Australian's clever headwork made Cezar miss badly. Bell made seven trips to the canvas but refused to be counted out. The Australian Aborigine is a lanky boy, very lean, and looked like a living skeleton when he entered the ring. It was a sad night for the gamblers who didn't think Bell would last the limit.

Nesto Reyes, 125, was badly outpointed by Harold Piper, 123¼, stablemate of Bell, in another 10 rounder. Piper back-pedalled throughout the bout. He won the earlier rounds over his smaller rival, but later was bombarded. Blood from his nose hampered him.

Arab Jr, 119, outclassed Ben Dayrit, 119, in 10 rounds. The loser was scared stiff. He blocked well but failed to retaliate. Villeza Villar, 118, defeated Billy Andy Valdez, 119, in another 10.

▶ Gon Francisco, 115, outpointed Manny Ortega, 113, in the 6 round special event. Winnie Rebolado, 135¼, won over Young Leyte, 136, who substituted for Eddie Javier, who did not appear. Joe Cruz, 115, bested Young Lawin, 114, in 6 and Dio Cagulada, 127, won over Johnny Bone, 124, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

▶ Ernie Brown, 124, decisioned veteran Alberto Barretto, 124, in a 6 round main event in San Fernando, Pampanga. Young Liberty, 124, whipped Young Mitch, 125, of Dagupan in another 6 rounder. Romeo Gonzales, 105, kayoed Daniel Ursua, 110, in the second round. Rocky Luis, 114, decisioned Flashy Ismael, 115, in 4.

▶ Johnny Nabor, 135, drew with Vic Espiritu, 132, in 8 round main event in Urdaneta, Pangasinan. Ray Ming Chang, 125, defeated Flash Olano in 8 rounds. Kid Besas, 114, drew with Nestor Roy Sison, 113, in 8. Agno River Boy, 125, bested King George, 125, via the route in the 6th. Baby D'Agata, 110, won over Andy Sarmiento, 116, in 4.

▶ James Hardman Jr., 118, outpointed Fireman Kid, 119, in 8 rounds in Tacloban, Leyte. Senen Flash, 116, drew with Bonnie Allison, 117, in 6. Joe Guevarra, 114, outclassed Viva Zapata, 111, in 6.

▶ Romy Sison, 112, bested Gil Gueta, 112, in a 6 round main event in San Isidro, Nueva Ecija. Baby Cezar, 115, was outpointed by Young Aquino, 116, in 6. Lucky Marcelo, 118, knocked out Strong Delfin, 119, in the 4th.

▶ Bob Bordett, 135, outpointed Leo Ricardo, 135, in 10 rounds in Dumaguete City. Bordett became the lightweight champion of Visayas and received a trophy donated by City Mayor Mariano F. Perdices. Baby Jvelana, 120, kayoed Buen Panares, 124, in the 3rd round. Reming Chan Lee, 120, and Baby Gonzales, 122, drew in 6.

▶ Cris Miranda, 120, drew with Fighting Gorio, 116, in 8 rounds in Cabanatuan City. Cagayan Boy, 120, drew with Frisco Genio, 118, in 6. Little Joe Jersey, 114, stopped Danny Rodenas, 116, in the 4th. Little Walcot, 116, drew with Isabela Bacman, 116, in 4.

▶ Baby Ross, 117, and Buddy de Marco, 117, drew in 8 rounds in Lucena, Quezon province. Leo Silvestre, 116, decisioned Young Bataan, 119, in 8. Kid Fuentes, 118, drew with Rush Benny, 114, in 6. Al Manalang, 136, kayoed Strong Delfin, 132, in the 3rd round.

▶ Rad Capistrano, 116, drew with Kid Besas, 114, in 6 rounds in Tayabas, Quezon province. Kid Fuentes, 113, drew with Rush Benny, 112, in 6 rounds. Strong Delfin, 120, drew with Abe Lorena, 112, in 6. Rocky Ponciano, 115, halted Clever Sally, 115.

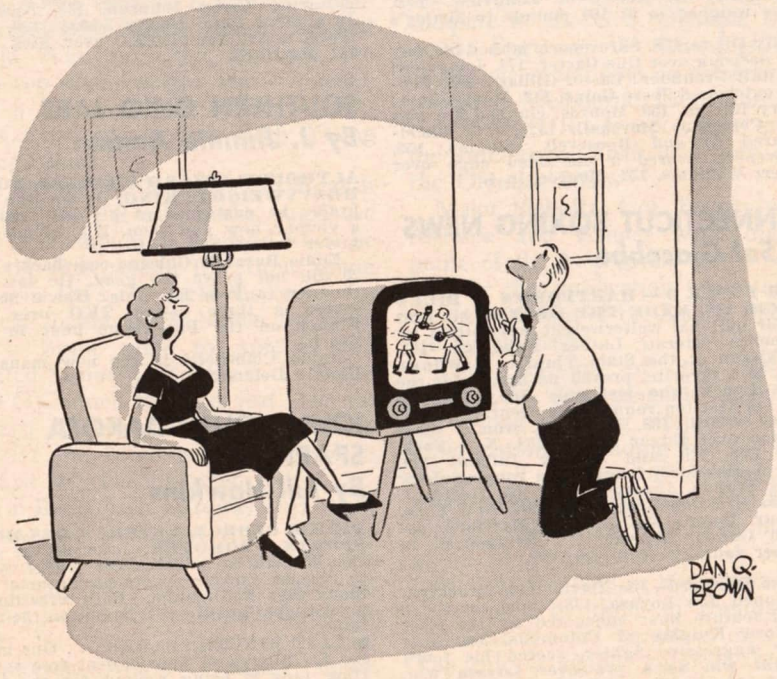
▶ The resignation of Chairman Manuel Nieto Jr. of the Games and Amusements Board had not yet been acted upon by President Magsaysay. Nieto is still the chairman but he seldom goes to his office. Sixto Cacho, mayor of Castillejos, a fighter in his younger days, may get the post.

▶ Veteran King Tut, 134, kayoed Young Liberty, 140, in the 4th round of a scheduled 6 round main event in Lingayen, Pangasinan. Johnny Nabor, 128, halted Ben Ferrer, 128, in the 3rd. Bert Jolandoni, 124, outpointed Edy Lin Kid, 126, in 6 rounds. Romeo Gonzales, 112, bested Small Doro, 110, in 6. Fidel Feliciano, 106, stopped Dommy, 108, in the 1st round.

▶ Young Paulino, 147, halted Milton Ross, 152, in the 3rd round in Sta. Cruz, Laguna. Young Eleno, 120, stopped Young Carding, 115, in the 1st round. Young Brazil, 114, decisioned Frank Mendoza, 119, in 6. Annie Replan, 112, kayoed Little Ross, 110, in the 2nd round.

▶ Cris Miranda, 117, badly outpointed Rudy Alcantara, 118, in 8 rounds in San Fernando, La Union. Ben Ferrer, 120, whipped Pete Ferrer, 120, in 6. Bert Jalandoni, 124, kayoed Florey Mercado, 125, in the 5th. Young Merritt, 128, drew with Edy Lin Kid, 124, in 4.

▶ Buddy de Marco, 118, kayoed Rica Jr., 118, in the 4th round in San Isidro, Nueva Ecija. Gon Roland, 128, outpointed Kid Aske, 128, in 4 rounds. Frisco Genio, 120, knocked out Rush Ventura, 122, in 3rd. Kid San Roque, 105, defeated Rush Cabling, 110, in 4.



"Say—how much did you bet on that fight, anyway?"

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

THE FIGHT GAME IS AT LOW EBB IN BUFFALO but local promoters expect some lively action during the fall and winter. All three Buffalo clubs, the Hudson, Fairview and Niagara Frontier organizations are interested in staging regular shows with connections for television. However, it will take weekly shows staged in small arenas to wake up interest and develop much needed new talent.

Buffalo is one of the best boxing centers in the nation and local fans are eager to see some real programs.

GERMAN BOXING DIARY
By J. A. Tree

THE FIGHTER OF THE MONTH IN GERMANY is HANS FRIEDRICH (Dortmund) who caused a surprise by outpointing European heavy champion, FRANCESCO CAVICCHI (Italy) over ten rounds at BOLOGNA. A fellow German, HEINZ NEUHAUS, has been waiting month after month for a return title bout with the Italian in an effort to regain his title which he lost to him a year ago. One wonders now if he will ever fight CAVICCHI for the EBU crown now that the Italian has been beaten by FRIEDRICH in such a convincing manner.

▶**JOACHIM GOTTERT,** Germany's No. 1 promoter, staged two shows during the month. PETER MUELLER met GERMINAL BALLARIN in BERLIN and HANS STRETZ faced WIM SNOEK in HAMBURG. Mueller and Stretz won.

▶**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** 25 year old middle weight, will never fight again. After an illness which has kept him from the ring for well over twelve months, he has been told never to put on the gloves again by doctor JULIUS FREY. SCHOLZ was the best prospect Germany has had since the war. He was the ex-welterweight champion and was undefeated in a professional career of 59 fights.

▶**SCHEVENINGEN**—LEEN JANSEN (Holland) beat FRITZ WNEZEL (Bochum), KO6; PIET van KLAVEREN (Holland) beat KARL HEINZ FREDRICH (Dusseldorf) in 6. GERT MULLER (Dusseldorf) lost on points to FRITZ van KEMPEN (Holland) in 6. HANS SCHWEER (Bochum) was stopped by HEIN van der ZEE (Holland), in 5.

▶**DORTMUND**—PETER MULLER (Cologne) middleweight, halted AL MOBLEY (USA) in four. ALBERT WESTPHAL (Hamburg) lost his second professional fight, being outpointed by HANS STRELECKI (Dortmund) over four rounds. ADDY MUELLER (Cologne), brother of PETER, beat GUNTER CHOMUNTOWSKI (Hamm) in three heats. Cruiser WALTER STORMS (M. Gladbach) was stopped by WENZEL BOCIEK (Oberhausen) in one round. KARLHEINZ GUDER (Herford) KOed MARCEL SCHERENS (Belgium) in one round. It was the German's ninth fight and his ninth KO victory.

▶**KREFELD**—WILLI BESMANHOFF (Berlin) outpointed ERWIN HACK (Hamburg) over eight rounds. WILLI QUATOR (Dortmund) won points 6 over WILLI GELHAAR (Essen). OSSI BUTTNER (Frankfort) drew with HANS DRABES (Dulken) 4 rounds. HERBERT SOODMANN (Essen) won points over LEO STAROSCH (Essen) Austrian cruiser and middle champion, 6 rounds. HORST NICHE (Berlin) outscored KARLHEINZ BUCHER (Essen) 6 rounds.

▶**NANCY**—ALBERT MUELLER (Dusseldorf) was KO'ed in four rounds by the EBU champion lightweight, SERAFIN FERRER.

▶**COLOGNE**—PETER MUELLER (Cologne) won on points in eight over JO JANSSEN (Belgium). HENRY De GROOT (Belgium) was disqualified in a bout with KARLHEINZ GUDER (Herford), in round four. DEVOS (Belgium) shared points with lightweight KURT KRAHNEN (Dulken) over six rounds. ALAIN CHERVILLE (Belgium) lost on points in 6 to HANS KALBFELL (Essen). ADDY MUELLER (Cologne) stopped CHUMUNTOWSKI (Hamm) in 6. ALOYS BRAND (Oberhausen) drew with ROGER GADE (Belgium) in 6. PAUL JORAM (Wuppertal) lost to HANS PAFFENHOLZ (Cologne) in 6.

▶**HAMBURG** — HANS STRETZ (Berlin) cruiser champion, outpointed the title holder of Holland, WIM SNOEK, over ten rounds. UWE JANSSEN (Hamburg) cruiser, WKO7 over the heavy champion of Holland, PIET KLIJSSEN. BUTTJE WOHLERS (Hamburg) middle, won on points in 8 over DANTE MADELLA (Italy). Middle ERICH WALTERS (Hamburg) won on points in 8 over GERARD van EYCK (Hol). HORST NICHE (Berlin) won over PIETRO BALDINI (Italy) heavyweight, by a disqualification in the fifth round. HELMUT MISTOT (Berlin) welter, outscored ZWAAN (Holland) over 4 rounds.

▶**ESSEN**—Before a crowd of 10,000, HANS FRIEDRICH (Dortmund) outpointed WILLI HOEPNER (Hamburg) over ten rounds. Many critics thought HOEPNER deserved a draw. HOEPNER took a count of six and eight in round nine.

BOBBY WARMBRUNN (Munich) outpointed HANS BRENDEMUHL (Hamburg) in a heavy contest over eight rounds.

HANS DRABES (Essen), middle, won points in 4 over DIETER SCHWINGEL (Dortmund).

▶**BERLIN**—PETER MUELLER (Cologne), middleweight, outpointed GERMINAL BALLARIN (France) over ten rounds at Berlin's Sportpalast. A crowd of 7,000 was in attendance.

GUNTER HASE (Berlin) welter champion, shared points with MARCEL PIGOU (France) in 8.

ADDY MUELLER (Cologne) stopped DIETER DORST (Berlin) in a lightweight contest in 3.

KARLHEINZ RAUEN (Essen) won on points in 4 over WOLFGAND BOHNERT (Essen) in a lightweight contest.

WILLI BESMANHOFF (Berlin) outpointed EUGENE D'ALESSIO of France in a heavy contest over eight rounds.

BERMUDA NOTES
By Ron Oatway

FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT KING ROCKY MARCIANO returned to the ring for a title bout in Hamilton on June 25—as a referee.

Marciano was the third man in the ring as Randy Sandy of New York scored a unanimous ten-round decision over Tommy Webb of Long Island to take the local middleweight crown.

Sandy, 155, had little trouble with the stocky Webb, 158½, in taking his title. He used a good left throughout.

In the semi-windup of the card at the Bermuda Tennis Stadium, former middleweight champ Froggie Simmons scored a unanimous six-round win over Cyclone Riley.

Fred Thomas scored a unanimous six-round decision over Gary Smith in a lightweight bout; Ray Simons flattened Alan Rego in 2:35 of the first; Arthur Dowers won a split-decision over Burton Cox in a four-round lightweight go; Jack Williams scored a tko over John Beaver in the first of a middleweight fight.

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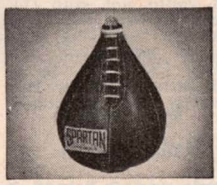

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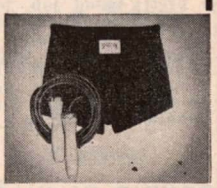

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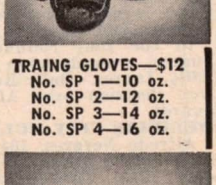

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SOUTH OF THE BORDER

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

JUNE'S HIGHLIGHTS WERE TWO INTERNATIONAL FIGHTS at the new Areana Mexico, which attracted big crowds. First Ricardo "Pajarito" Moréno vs. Frankie Campos, from California, and, second, Raton Macias vs. Tenny Campo, from the Philippines. Both matches produced full houses.

▶Jose Galicia, 132, decisioned Valentin Rangel, 134, in 10. Luis Castillo, 123, decisioned Giraldo Bacho, 126, in 10. Nacho Paredes, 119, decisioned Pepe Chavarria, 116, in 8. Benny Rodriguez, 136, stopped Jesus Gonzalez, 136, in 1. Eduardo Guerrero, 117, stopped Jeronimo Palomo, 117, in 3.

▶Ernesto Figueroa, 125, stopped Ernesto Parra, 125, in 7. Chilango Rosales, 136, decisioned Carlos Barragan, 134, in 10. Luis Espinosa, 127, decisioned Lauro Garcia, 125, in 8. Gabriel Navarro, 126, decisioned Lalo Camarena, 125, in 6. Fili Martinez, 118, decisioned Lupe Cabrera, 120, in 4.

▶Jose Arguelles, 138, decisioned Pedro Soto, 136, in 10. Negro Cardenas, 135, stopped Orizaba Kid, 136, in the last three minutes of a ten-round match. Al Olivera, 126, decisioned Daniel Silva, 126, in 8. Raul Cruz, 123, decisioned Mario Torres, 124, in 6. Chango Samaniego, 118, decisioned Dolores Jimenez, 117, in 4.

▶Beto Carajal, 136, stopped Angel Guerrero, 130, in 7. Cheto Fernandez, 117, stopped Kid San Martin, 119, in 4. Marcial Galicia, 119, stopped Tony Alamillo, 118, in 3. Negro Alfaro, 123, decisioned Pancho Rubio, 126, in 6. Nacho Rosales, 127, stopped David Becerril, 127, in 1.

▶Beto Gonzalez, 135, decisioned Ernesto Aguilar, 132, in 10. Rafael Camacho, 133, stopped Ino Colin, 135, in 4. Chocolate Barrera, 117, decisioned Chiquilin Torres, 117, in 8. Esteban Rodriguez, 125, decisioned Ramon Miranda, 125, in 6. Jose Lomeli, 116, decisioned Ramon Ramirez, 116, in 4.

▶Ricardo "Pajarito" Moreno, 122, stopped Frankie Campos, 118, in 4, in a thrilling match. Julio Escobedo, 127, stopped old Luis Castillo, 122, in 6. Castillo announced this was his last fight after so many years of ring activity. Carlos Arregui, 131, stopped Juanene Garcia, 128, in 7. Nacho Dominguez, 125, decisioned Nacho Rosales, 127, in 6. Jose Vega, 125, decisioned Salvador Banuelos, 123, in 4.

▶Raton Macias, 121, NBA bantamweight champion of the world, defeated Tanny Campo, 120, Philippine Islands. Macias did a pretty good job, but could not stop the clever Filipino. However, the local boy won most of the rounds. Alvaro Gutierrez, 135, stopped Luciano Gonzalez, 136, in 5. Joe Medel, 114, stopped Mike Cruz, 120, in 2. Tibico Torres, 111, and Luis Gallegos, 115, drew in 6. Angel Jimenez, 114, decisioned Oaxaca Kid, 115, in 4.

BOXING IN JUAREZ
By Pancho Montes

JUAREZ BULL RING

Kid Juarez, 145½, Juarez, and Armando Muñiz, 147½, Juarez, fought a draw. The decision was booed by the fans.

Sammy Serrano, 122½, Juarez, won decision over Eduardo Santos, 121½, after ten duelling rounds.

In the six round special event, Rogelio Diaz de Leon (Ray de Leon in California), 127½, San Luis Potosi, returned from the West Coast, winning the unanimous decision over Rodrigo Dueñas, 125, Torreon.

In the four rounders Raul Duran, 123, Juarez, won decision over Rodolfo Macias, 126½, Juarez. Baby Rodriguez, 126¼, Juarez, won decision over Alfonso Mendoza, 122½, Juarez.

DELICIAS CITY BULL RING

Alfredo Nevarez, 134, Juarez, won by K.O. in the sixth round over Rafael "Zurdo" Vazquez, 134½, Torreon, in a good fight. After Vazquez went down for the second time in the sixth and last round the referee stopped the fight. More than 3,500 fans packed the Bull Ring.

Roberto "Perro" Hernandez, 128, Chihuahua City, won the duke over Salvador Fierro, 126½, Juarez, in the semifinal event at 8 rounds.

DELICIAS CITY BULL RING

Reyes Castañon, 126, Chihuahua, won by K.O. in the fifth over Eduardo Santos, 123, Juarez. The fight was very interesting, Castañon showing that he is ready for the best of the featherweights around here.

Roberto "Perro" Hernandez, 128, Chihuahua City, won by K.O. in the fifth over Raul Duran, 124, Juarez, in the 8 round semifinal.

JUAREZ BULL RING

Chebo Hernandez, 160½, Juarez, won by K.O. over Carlos Martinez, 157½, Mexico City, in the third round of the main event. Chebo is making a come back and he showed that he is still the best middleweight of Mexico.

Joey Reyes, 127½, Torreon, won over Raul Sanchez, 128¾, Chihuahua City, by K.O. in the third round of the semifinal bout.

In the four rounders: Enrique Cardenas, 136, Juarez, won decision over Jesse Torres, 132½, El Paso. Raul Duran, 124, Juarez, won decision over Memo Leaños, 128, Torreon. Pedro Perez, 141¼, Juarez, stopped Antonio Ramos, 139, Juarez, 2nd.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amer G.

HUNUCMA, YUC: LUIS TRUJEQUE, 126, stopped Gregorio "Baby" Santos, 127, in 8 rounds.

▶HUNUCMA, YUC: Ramón Cruz, 110, flyweight champ of Yucatan, bested Chucho Hernández, 116, of Tabasco, after eight rounds.

▶CIUDAD DEL CARMEN, CAMP: Pantera de Champotón II, 121, kayoed Wenceslao "Zurdo" Sánchez, 116, of Yucatán, in the seventh round.

▶CAMPECHE, CAMP: Pantera de Champotón (Salvador Beberaje), 133, iced Felipe "Babalú" Novelo, 127, of Yucatán, in four rounds; Joe Ambrosio, 132, of Yucatán, TKO'd Kid Rejón, 129, in the sixth.

▶CAMPECHE CAMP: Pantera de Champotón (Salvador Beberaje) technically kayoed Javier Méndez, 135, of Yucatán, Javier was handicapped by a 2 year layoff. The end was in the eighth round.

▶CARACAS, VENEZUELA: Orlando Castillo, of Cuba, beat Victor Manuel Quijano, feather king of Yucatán, in ten good rounds.

▶CAMPECHE, CAMP: César Morales, 128, of Yucatán, TKO'd Baby Lizarraga, 128, in six.

▶CIUDAD DEL CARMEN, CAMP: Baby Yucatán (Claudio Ancona), 129, decisioned Felipe "Babalú" Novelo, 127, in a ten.

▶CAMPECHE, CAMP: Carlos "Baby" Ortiz, 126, continued his uninterrupted winning streak when he scored another knockout, this time over Miguel "Estudiante" Cárdenas, 129, in 3 rounds.

LA LUGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCE
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

ARENA OBRERO, TORREON:—Humberto "Hamlet" Carrillo, 126, conquered Roy Hernández, 128, Mexico City, after ten hard rounds, only to find that Officials declared a draw. Pedro "La Dolorosa" Piña, 130, after being floored two times in the first round, arose from the canvas to put Bobby Silva, 129, to sleep in the second. The other tenner finished in the fifth when referee declared a no-contest to Karo Bibi, 120, and Manuel "Pinky" Ruiz, 123.

▶ARENA OBRERO, TORREON: — Raúl Leaños, 118, whipped Arturo "Baby" Ruiz, 119, after ten fast rounds. Bronco Joe Castañeda, 148, got a terrfiic left hook to Rudy Martinez's chin, which was enough to send the Reynosa welter to the 10-second dreams. This sensational finish came in the second round of the scheduled 10-round semi.

▶ARENA OLIMPICA, GOMEZ PALACIO:—Joe Becerra, 117, fancy dancer keed from Guadalajara, counterpunched husky and hustler Mario Ruiz, 119, Mexico City, to get the duke after ten merry rounds. Lucio "Borrachito" González, 123, looking great, hammered a right chopdown to the jaw of Apolinar Huerta, 126, and kayoed the man in five rounds.

▶REYNOSA:—Kid Anáhuac, 127, won a decision over Julio Escobedo, 126, in ten rounds.

▶MONTERREY: — Roy Hernández, 128, stopped Américo Rivera, 125, in the seventh.

▶ACAPULCO:—Enrique de la Cruz, 126, and Ramón González, 127, had a technical draw in two rounds. Both boys clashed their heads and both got a wound each.

▶MATAMOROS:—Dámaso Collazo, 137, Cuba, knocked out Luis Contreras, 129, in eight rounds.

▶GUADALAJARA: — Pulga Herrera, 116, iced Eddie "Chilero" Luna, 117, in the very first round. Herrera used to be National Flyweight Champion.

▶PUEBLA:—Bernabé "Baby" Vázquez, 135, lightweight champion of Mexico, had to work hard to kayo Marcelino Peña, 136, in the seventh. Joaquin Carrillo, 125, bested Memo Baltazares, 127, in ten rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—David Cervantes, 148, easily decisioned Santos "Firpo" Gutiérrez, 150, in ten rounds.

▶MONTERREY:—Luciano González, 137, defeated Enrique Ortiz, 136, in ten. Manuel Rodriguez, 118, drew with Chuy Rodriguez, 119, also in ten rounds.

▶CIUDAD OBREGON:—Enrique Esqueda, 136, got a split 10-round decision over Arnold Hill, 137.

▶LOS MOCHIS:—Luis Gutiérrez, 119, kayoed Culichi Uriarte, 120, in six rounds.

▶LEON:—Rudy Coronado, 118, embalmed Henry Morales, 120, in the first round.

▶GUAYMAS:—Chango Ceballos, 118, stopped Bobby Johnson, 119, Phoenix, Ariz., in three rounds.

▶SAN CRISTOBAL:—Veteran Pepe Montes, 129, got a draw with Alfredo Mijangos, 130, after ten rough rounds. Montes, retired two years ago, is making a comeback campaign.

▶MONTERREY:—Memo Diez, 115, stopped Tony Meza, 119, in five rounds. Emilio de la Rosa, 120, and Beto Couary, 123, were thrown out from the ring for a 6-round no-contest. Vicent e Cantú, 155, beat veteran Nick Morán, 158, in ten rounds.

▶LA PAZ:—Alfredo Cota, 145, outpointed and outweighed Arnold Hill, 138, in ten rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—Germán Ohm, 118, the sensation from La Laguna, iced Jorge Cabiño, 120, in the seventh round. Ohm, a Mexican-German, born at Ciudad Lerdo, is only in his second year as a professional fighter.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Former National welter king, Tomás López, "El Conscripto", 145, convincingly outpointed Agustin "Chilango" Rosales, 146, after ten well-fought rounds.

▶PUEBLA:—Ernesto Figueroa, 124, stablemate of famous Raton Macias, knocked out Felix "Zapatero" Flores, 126, in the fourth. Flores announced his retirement. Joaquin Carrillo, 128, outpointed Beto Rodriguez, 130, in ten rounds.

▶MAZATLAN:—Pulga Herrera, 116, embalmed Gallito del Rio, 119, in six rounds. Gustavo Quintero, 130, bested Bombero González, 128, in the 10-round semifinal.

▶IRAPUATO:—Jesse Robles, 145, stopped Tony Chávez, 148, in nine. Gato Morales, 150, kayoed Chico Ruiz, 147, in the seventh.

▶IRAPUATO:—Apolinar Huerta, 125, defeated Carlos Orendain, 123, in ten rounds. Gato Morales, 149, outweighed and kayoed Gallito Flores, 133, in six.

▶TAMPICO:—Cuatrero Rodriguez, 154, decisioned Vicente Cantú, 158, in the 10-round main event. Chico Reyes II, 128, halted Baby Martinez, 127, in six and Babe Guerrero, 125, bested Chico Reyes I, 126, in ten rounds.

▶MANTE:—Tony Vázquez, 127, stopped Chino Padilla, 124, in four. This Vazquez is the same veteran who fought several years ago in the States.

▶CIUDAD ACUNA:—Raúl "Tlacuache" Contreras, 145, got the duke over Chico Gomez, 140, after ten rounds. Rudy Martinez, 148, decisioned Kid Rogelio, 147, also in ten rounds.

▶GUADALAJARA:—Rudy Coronado, 119, who is a lion in his home town, surprised everybody knocking out famous veteran Otilio "Zurdo" Galván, 121, in only four rounds.

▶MATAMOROS:—Dámaso Collazo, 130, the Cuban Cyclone, halted Reyes López, 131, in eight rounds.

▶ACAPULCO:—Roberto García, 126, decisioned Gildardo Bacho, 125, in ten rounds.

▶MONTERREY: — The National welterweight champion, Juan "Bombin" Padilla, 145, halted Jesse Robles, 146, in five rounds. Jorge Castro, National middleweight king, defeated Cuatrero Rodríguez, 158, in ten. Gorilón Ortiz, 138, decisioned Juan Lomas, 136, also in a tenner.

▶PUEBLA:—Roberto Ortega, 133, won a 12-round unanimous decision over Román Pérez, 131, to get the Puebla lightweight championship. Enrique de la Cruz, 125, kayoed Mike Cruz, 120, in eight.

▶REYNOSA:—David Rodríguez, 125, outpointed Chebo de la Torre, 123, former National bantam champ, in ten rounds.

FISTIC NEWS FROM ENSENADA
By Rodolfo Cuevas

ISAAC MARTINEZ, 148, HALTED BABE MEXICO, 142, IN FOUR. Felix "Pelon" Cervantes, 120, decisioned Torito Olivares, 121, in eight. Hipólito Burciaga, 116, decisioned Meny Pelon, 112, in six. "Caracol" Hernández, 126, outpointed Ruso Rodríguez, 124, and Rocky Ríos, 114, decisioned Kid Garbanzo, 116, both four rounders.

▶ Joe Gonzáles, Sinaloa, 129, stopped Gregorio "Sargent" Medina, 129, when Medina suffered a bad cut on the right eye. Felipe Hernández, 132, outpointed Guty Maya, 130½, in eight. In a bloody contest Ruben Salazar, 136, outpointed Aurelio Delgado, 138, in six. Henry Valdez, 122, decisioned Mickey Cossio, 124, in four. Jorge Saenz, 116, stopped Alvaro Ortiz, 111, in one.

NEWS FROM CUBA
By Jorge Vieites

HAVANA—Despite a heavy rainfall all day and though the bout was televised, the featherweight title bout between veteran Ciro Morasen who has held the crown since 1948, and Martin Rodriguez, drew $14,000 at the gate. Moracen won in a bout that was a thriller. He dropped his opponent in the very first minute with a left hook and before the round was over he dropped Martin again to the ropes. It was a terrific battle with the winner gaining the unanimous verdict.

In the semi-final, another great battle took place between Santiago "Sandy" Martinez, 128½, and Andy Arel, 130, from New York. The New Yorker was stopped in the eighth round. He was a bloody mess but put up a sensational scrap. Cuba has five of the world's best feathers in the Americas, Rodriguez, Orlando, Castillo, Puppy Garcia and Martinez.

Jose Ramon Flores, 143½, won in eight from Carlos Chivas, 142¾. Angel Garcia, 132, won in six from Schoolboy Leiva, 130½, and Johnny Sarduy, 117, won in four from Hector Varona, 115¼.

▶ **Havana**—Former lightweight king Fernando Silva, 131¾, got only a draw in his fight with Hoacino Khalfi, 136, though he had the North African down in the fifth. It was a three-way split decision. The bout was a ten rounder.

Orlando Ramirez, 128¼, stopped Sal de la Torre, 126, in three. Virgilio Lopez, 132½, won in four from Manuel Machado, 130, and Tirso Rodriguez, 118, won in four from Baby Rapidez, 119.

▶ Here are the Cuban results and news for the past month:

Cuban flyweight champion, Oscar Suarez, gave an excellent performance against Pascual Perez in their world championship fight at Montevideo, Uruguay, and though stopped, due primarily to a bad cut suffered in the sixth round, he showed that he is among the best of his class. He was halted in the eleventh round after dropping the champ in the fifth and being put to the canvas by Pascual in the tenth. During the month Nino Valdes, our heavyweight king got into the winning column, beating Ken Hammer in 8 rounds in Charlotte, N. C.

▶ **Havana:** Oswaldo (Kid Fichique) Santiuste, 140, won a close tenner from Lesmes Echevarria, same weight.

Manuel Suaznabar, 151½, won in eight from Angel Cutino, 152.

Sergio Ríos, 145, t.k.o. 5, Armando Martínez, 139¾; Indian Bisbé, 133¾, won in six from Taco-Taco Robinson, 132½; Humberto de la Rosa, 126, won in 4 from Rubén Fonseca, 122½, and Huesito Gonzáles, drew in the four round curtain raiser with José Oliva.

▶ **Havana**—Cuban lightweight king Julio Carreras, 164½, lost by a TKO in 5 when he fought the American, Clarence Hinnant, 163. He was dropped three times. Chiccharrita Medina, Venezuela, 129½, won easily in 10 from Baby Rosales, 130¾. Mario Hernandez, 152¾, won in six from Andres Gonzales, 154.

BORDER BOXING NEWS
By L. Borrado, Sanchez

"TERRAZA TROPICAL" NUEVA ROSITA COAH, Damaso Collazo, 138, of Cuba, K.O'ed. Felix "Chale" Medina, 136, Monterrey in the fourth round. Paul Rivera, 137, Monterrey, and Fidel Hernandes, 138, Piedras Negras, drew in ten.

Juanillo Hernandes, 131, Nueva Rosita, T.K.O'ed, Babs Martines, 134, Sabinas, in the third. Kid Mares, 126, Sabinas, lost to Banano Kid, 122, Piedras Negras, in six. Rancherito Venavides, 112, Rosita, defeated Tino Ayala, 116, Rosita, in four.

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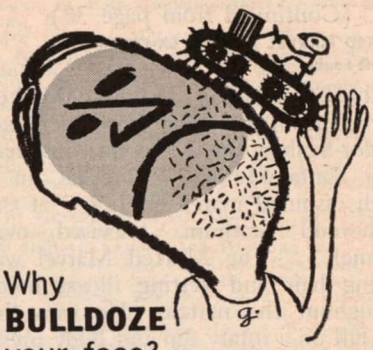
JOHNNY GRAY

A heavyweight with a promising future is Johnny Gray. In an amateur career of 30 bouts, Johnny won 22 via the kayo route, 5 by decision and lost 3. After winning the Golden Gloves in the New England states, Johnny won the Rocky Marciano trophy in Lowell, Mass., in 1953. Discharged from the service, Johnny came to Chicago where Frankie Tomaso (above) signed him to a contract.

He has beaten such boys as Mike Hammer, Leo Johnson and Stanley Mylinsky, but his big jump recently was a knockout victory over Al Lane. This put Johnny in the limelight in Chicago boxing circles as a comer.



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THE MAT WORLD

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MASKED MARVEL DEFEATS EX-CHAMP
By Jeff Loubet

The Great Bolo, 235-pound Masked Marvel from the Far East, defeated Sandor Szabor, the 220-pound matman from Santa Monica, California, in a much disputed match on July 7 at the Hollywood Stadium, televised over channel 5. The Masked Marvel was pulling hair and getting illegal holds throughout the match. He won the first fall on a rotary flip and body press. Szabor, three times claimant of the world heavyweight championship, executed telling judo chops throughout the match. He won the second fall with two suplex holds in a row and then a body press.

The disputable part of the match occured at the time of the third fall. Szabor had the third fall and the match all sewed up with a beautifully executed suplex hold that dazed the Masked Marvel when Lou Miller, The Great Bolo's manager, jumped into the ring and started socking Szabor to get him out of his trance. That soon enabled The Great Bolo to recover and he quickly executed another combination of a rotary flip and body press, winning the third fall and the match.

In defeating Szabor, the Masked Marvel upheld his undefeated record.

BELLE STARR PROFILE

A green-eyed blonde packing 140 pounds on a 5-ft. 5-in. frame, Belle Starr could easily be called the *"Belle of the Ball."*

A graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Columbus, O., Belle played many sports while in school including basketball, track and softball. She was also outstanding in water sports and has won a number of trophies.

Belle first became interested in wrestling at the age of twelve. Her parents did not take her seriously but six years later they knew she was not kidding. She signed a contract with Billy Wolfe two years ago and has been going great guns ever since.

Her idol is Nell Stewart but Belle's ambition is to get a win over champion June Byers. She patterns her style after Stewart . . . fast, smart and elusive.

The 19-year old Buckeye beauty has faced Penny Banner, Nell Stewart, Betsy Ross, Barbara Bake and rough Betty Hawkins. She holds Ella Waldek to be the toughest she has ever faced and Stewart the smartest.

Golfing, swimming and horseback riding are her hobbies. Belle likes sweets but has to watch her weight.

SHORT ON LEE CHONA LaCLAIRE

After seeing Lee Chona LaClaire in action you'll understand why she is one of matdom's top drawing attractions!

Miss LaClaire is a beautiful lass with more curves than a national highway. She possesses speed, endurance and has plenty of wrestling skill.

She was born on a farm near Paris, France. Having lost both of her parents in an auto accident, Lee Chona was brought up by her aunt.

Her ambition from the time she was ten years old was to become a wrestler but it was hard to travel from country to country in Europe. It was then she decided to make her home in the United States.

Having raven black hair, this bundle of French dynamite stands 5-feet 4-inches in her sheer nylons and weighs a well distributed 135-pounds.

Miss LaClaire is outstanding in everything she does. She is a ballroom dancer and is also an excellent swimmer and diver.

She has battled most of the top stars of the industry including Penny Banner, Belle Starr and Kathleen Wimbley. Her ambition is to become as great as champion June Byers.

Her select foods are French pasteries although she will go for a steak now and then.

RICHMOND STAGES THRILLER
By Bob Utter

Promoter Mat Mercurio of Richmond, Ind., staged a thriller last month when junior heavyweight champion Ray Stevens journeyed into town to defeat Handsome Al Kashey before a sellout crowd at the ball park.

Stevens, a fast moving and clever 200-pounder from Columbus, O., downed Kashey with an atomic drop in 15:54 and then won third fall honors with the same hold in 24:32. Kashey won the second session in 4:43 with a series of body-rolls and a body press. Angered by Referee Floyd Osterman's failing to disqualify Stevens for his out of hand "style" of wrestling, the fans hurled paper cups and other throwing objects into the ring.

The Australian tag team of Raymonde Rousselot and Rose Roman teamed to defeat the tandem of Ada Ash and Damond TeSelie in a Pier 6 sizzler as the second half of the double main event.

In the opening scrap, Frankie Talaber, 210, Columbus, O., defeated Roberto Pico, 220, Italy, in a one fall thriller. Talaber, one of the country's best junior heavyweights, used a full Boston crab to defeat the Italian.

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG, CANADA
By Cy Louth

POPULAR Ilio Dipaolo, 245, Italy, took it on the chin, or rather the back, in his latest tag team match against the German duo of Karl Von Schoberg, 265, Calgary and Fritz Von Erich, 270, Texas, at Alex Turk's latest wrestling show at the Winnipeg auditorium.

His partner, Lord Athol Layton, 265, of London, got away unscathed, but it was only the consistent use of his famed judo chop which saved him from serious trouble. Ilio, however, not being so proficient at the judo chop ended the bout lying in the middle of the ring in a semi-conscious condition.

The first fall went to the Germans when they pinned Lord Athol at 12.20. So great was the action just prior to the fall that the top rope strand broke free of its moorings. The English matman retaliated 12.30 minutes later, when with a series of back hand judo chops, he subdued Von Schoberg.

The final fall came at 6.10, when Von Erich, climbing to the top of the ropes, leaping high in the air and landed on Dipaolo's back. This followed a series of kicks to his back by both Karl and Fritz, which brought shouts of disapproval from the crowd.

Never before in a Winnipeg ring have two referees received such a verbal lambasting as handed out by the cash customers to Refs Frenchy Champagne and Harold Nelson. Their beef was that while both referees busied themselves by endeavouring to escort an irate Layton back to his corner, the Germans were softening up Diapolo with a series of rule-violating punishments.

For once in his life, Ivan Kalmikoff, half of the much-hated Russian tag team, drew applause in a Winnipeg ring. In defeating Skull Murphy, 242, Cork, Ireland, the bustling Ivan drew the approval of the crowd. Murphy was put out of the way at 12.20.

Before the match, Ivan snatched up a microphone and urged the announcer to enter the ring. Then, through this interpreter he protested loudly the fact that he was wrestling alone against Skull Murphy in a mere semi wind-up intsead of being matched with his infamous brother Karol against the Germans in the final bout. He bitterly condemned Promotor Turk for allowing such a state of affairs to exist.

The special event went to Red Bastian, 211, Minneapolis, when with the use of a reverse leg lock, he subdued newcomer Billie Wicks, 198, Chicago, at 16.10. It was a very fast, clean battle and met with a approval of the crowd.

In the rapid fire one-hour main event, Pat O'Connor, 230, New Zealand and Vern Gagne, 233, Minneapolis, wrestled to a draw. Both being contenders for Whipper "Billy" Watson's heavyweight crown, the boys were glad to hear the final gong. They were practically out on their feet, for the mercury stood at 90 degrees.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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win of a round!

"Really, how many rounds are won by 100 percent?

"The value of a '10 points must system' lies in the spread of numerals, making it possible to score closely or widely.

"In the 'split 10' system, the closest a round can be split is '60' to '40'—some rounds are closer than that.

"I hope that the NBA officials will not overthrow the 'ten must system' in favor of any other. It is the best and has so been proved, notwithstanding the criticism. Of course a good, experienced referee and judge can call it correctly regardless of the system used.

"There were good decisions and bad ones long before the 'ten points Must' was accepted. In my opinion, and that of the millions who watch boxing in television, the most essential 'change' in scoring should be to make sure that the officials appointed to judge a fight are competent, men who know boxing up, down and through the middle.

"After a career in boxing at all levels, that started for me in 1900 and included experience as a boxer, manager, promoter, boxing coach and Commissioner, I'd like to close with 'there was nothing wrong with the '10 points must system' when it was adopted at Penn State College in the '20's' and there is nothing wrong with it now."

To which we add—no matter what method of scoring is adopted, let's have a code that will be world-wide in uniformity.

ARCHIE MOORE FOLLOWS TOMMY BURNS' FOOTSTEPS

When Archie Moore signed to face James J. Parker, Canadian champion, for what all concerned in the match termed "a contest to decide the successor to Rocky Marciano's throne," he and his manager, Charley Johnston, followed the pattern set by Tommy Burns after the retirement of James J. Jeffries. Jeffries, it will be remembered, named Jack Root and Marvin Hart to fight for his title though there was no justification for such, and Burns, contesting that procedure, tackled Hart, beat him and laid claim to the throne.

In those days, there were no boxing commissions nor a National Boxing Association to dictate the procedure by which a new title holder to succeed Jeffries would be crowned, hence Burns, despite taunts, ridicule and abuse, adopted his own plan and proceeded to carry it out.

"Let him who thinks he has a better claim to the heavyweight championship, prove it by defeating me for the title. I'm the champion and I'll prove it by taking on all challengers."

That was his defy as published in the **"Police Gazette,"** then the leading sports paper and the official organ on boxing, and on he went about the task of clinching the right to universal recognition. That, of course, is a far more satisfactory and quicker way than long, stretched out eliminations to fill a vacancy in championship ranks.

As in the case of Burns, Moore, who stands out as the Number One contender and is acknowledged by all commission as the top man in both the heavyweight and light heavyweight divisions, is willing to fight Floyd Patterson to decide the issue since Floyd's victory over "Hurricane Jackson" entitles him to second choice.

As we go to press, Archie faces James J. Parker in what the Canadians have advertised as a "world heavyweight championship match," though, of course, no title is at stake. The only championship match that will be universally recognized as such should Moore triumph over Parker as is expected, will be one in which the top men, Archie and Patterson are the contestants.

GRAZIANO STORY AN ACTION-PACKED FILM

At last a fight picture has been filmed in Hollywood which views the sport in a light different from the usual films showing crooked gamblers, mobsters about ringside, double-crossing fighters and managers, and the stock characters of hoodlums and sleazy hangers-on who make the fighters their victims.

In **"Somebody Up There Likes Me,"** the life story of Rocky Graziano, the movie fans see the brighter side of a boxer's life—a picture that gives the true story of a boy's salvation through the medium of boxing as a professional.

The stock characters, the scheming plots of the average fight film that undermine boxing, happily are missing from this fine picture and for once, we get a view of the uplift that the sport has given to many lads who, like Graziano, having fallen into the clutches of the law as wayward youths, might have continued in a life of crime except for boxing.

RESULTS OF THE MONTH

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Bob Provizzi and Curtis Bruce drew, 10. Clarence Hinnart kayoed Julio Carreras, 5. Cobey McCluskey and Gary Simon drew, 10.

Jimmy Hegerle stopped Joe Schmolze, 10. Clarence Cooke beat Jimmy Perrault, 10. Fernando Spallotta defeated Rinzi Nocero, 8.

Franco Festucci whipped Mickey Laurent, 10. Harry Grogan demolished Billy Todd, 5, but lost to Luigi Coluzzi, 12. Jorge Castro beat Cnatrero Rodriguez, 10.

Rod Litzow held to draw by Luigi Male, 12. Vicente Cantu defeated Nick Moran, 10.

Leen Jensen kayoed Fritz Wenzel, 6. Howard Lee and Benny Mason drew, 6. Chebo Hernandez kayoed Carlos Martinez, 3.

Bruce Damphier won over Monroe Kurtz, 6. Bill London defeated Lefflie Walker, 6, Lefflie then drew with Chuck Craig, 6, and lost to Craig, 6. Gunter Peemolar defeated Ralph Alvarez, 6.

Joe Gray won over Bob Rossie, 6. Italian Champion Guido Mazzinghi stopped Serge Leveque, 6. Pete Gonzales bested Eddie McGowan, 6.

Dave Cochran defeated Bob Terrance, 6. Kid Zacatecas won over Bob Terrance, 6. Columbus Marshall beat Roy Johnson, 6.

Hank Casey kayoed Willie Simmons, 4. Froggie Simmons bested Cyclone Riley, 6. Gerry Fraser defeated Norm Gautreaum, 8.

Calvin Davis whipped Jimmy Garcia, 6. Manuel Snaznabar defeated Angel Cutino, 8. Gordie MacDougall whipped Bob Hesson, 6.

Bob Leadley beat Johnny Griffith, 6. Mario Hernandez beat Andres Gonzales, 6.

Wilf Greaves beat Al Andrews, 10; Willie Troy beat Jerry Luedee, 10, split decision; Nick Dalleva kayoed Ace Freeman, 2.

Neal Rivers kayoed Dick Goldstein, 4. Charley Glover beat Curtis Coles, 8. Bill Miller kayoed Richie Lopez, 4. Larry Maladonado and Cal Houston drew, 6. Stanley Jones kayoed Harold Redman, 5. Sal Pera outscored Lou Gage, 10. Norris Bruse won from John Penn, 10.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Virgil Akins kayoed Don Jose, 4.

Maurice Harper returned to action and outpointed Joe Miceli, 10.

Kid Fichique defeated Lesmes Echevarria, 10. Clarence (Duke) Harris outscored Ramon Fuentes, 10. Young Paulino kayoed Milton Ross, 3.

Don Jordan stopped Frankie Skidmore, 7. Yama Bahama ran off his 23rd. straight win by besting middleweight Gil Turner, 10.

Billy Lynch whipped Luther Rawlings, 10. Jimmy McCoy and Chuck Courtney drew, 8.

German champion Gunter Hase drew with Marcel Pigou, 8. Doug Odo decisioned Keith Paris, 10.

Garnett (Sugar) Hart kayoed Henry Jordan, 7. Alex Vargas defeated Al Juergens, 10. Kid Juarez and Armando Muniz drew, 10.

Aldo Mente beat Danny Cardenas, 10. El Conscripto whipped Agustin Rosales, 10.

Sergio Rois kayoed Armando Martinez, 5. Wilf Greaves scored over Alan Kennedy, 10. Timmie Jefferson halted Walter Tyler, 10.

Calvin Smith decisioned Frank Alotta, 8. Jesse Robles stopped Tony Chavez, 9; Jesse was stopped by Juan Padilla, 5.

Jackie Williams beat Ron Milne, 8. Alfredo Cota beat Arnold Hill, 10. Joey Dorando kayoed Forest Davis, 2, but was upset by Rudy Mendoza, 10.

Rudy Martinez bested Kid Rogelio, 10. Archie Whitewater defeated Pete Washington, 6. Raul Contreras beat Chico Gomez, 10.

Joe Davis whipped Joe Loyaza, 8. Isaac Martinez kayoed Babe Mexico, 4. Barnett Thornton won over Danny Davis, 6.

Gato Morales kayoed Chico Ruiz, 7, and Gallito Flores, 6. Robert Cofer kayoed Dan Daniels, 2, and Archie Monroe, 1. Art Lusby defeated Al Milone, 6.

Ernest Buford won over Al Jones, 8. Jimmy Archer whipped Benny Washington, 6. Nolan Duplessis bested Art Oubre, 6.

Tony DiBiase whipped Joe Lissy, 6. Sammy LaCrosse stopped Sam Taylor, 5. Eddie Armstrong defeated Singh Lee, 6.

Mariano Pineiro defeated Manny Davis, 6. Tony Moss and Don Webb drew, 6.

Mickey Crawford stopped Larry McCartney, 5. Howard Schwartz kayoed Willie Finney, 3. John L. Perry beat John Gillespie, 6.

Jesse Bogart outpointed Al Juergens, 10; Johnny Young stopped Lou Landi, 3; Danny Russo defeated Jose Lopez, 4.

Isaac Logart defeated Wilbur Wilson, 10. Jesse Bogart defeated Lester Brown, 10. Joe Davis won over Jimmy Watkins, 6. Jiggs Reed decisioned Archie Whitewater, 6. Itzy Wallach scored over Tony DeCola, 6. Gilbert Hinojosa defeated Dennis Woodbury, 6. Doug Garrett kayoed Al Vigil, 1. Jimmy McCoy whipped Yoyo Lewis, 6. Don Webb kayoed Tony Moss, 1.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

European titleholder Duilio Loi stopped featherweight Fred Galiana, 6.

Kenny Lane upset Ralph Dupas, 10. Cisco Andrade kayoed Luke Sandoval, 3.

Richie Howard won over Teddy Davis, 10. Jimmy Carter decisioned Lauro Salas, 10.

Serafin Ferrer kayoed Albert Mueller, 4. Ludwig Lightburn decisioned Jake Josato, 10.

British champion Joe Lucy kayoed Sammy McCarthy, 13. Australian champion Colin Clarke victim of sensational knockout by Charley Dunn, 2 (non-title).

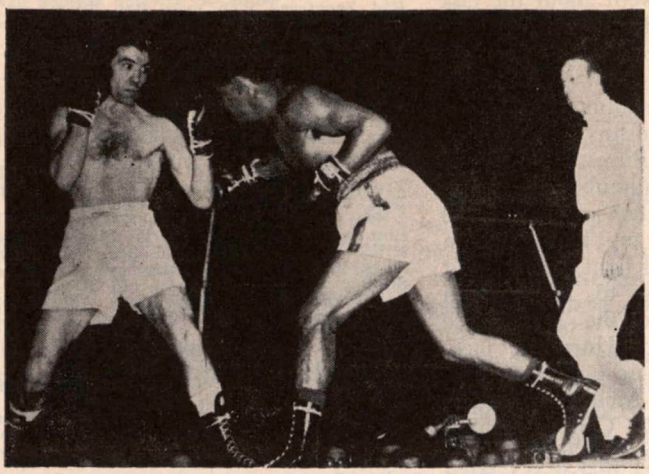
Eddie Chavez outpointed Manuel Castro, 10. Bobby Courchesne defeated George Monroe, 10.

Baby Vazquez kayoed Marcelino Pena, 7. Alfredo Navarez halted Rafael Vazquez, 6. Enrique Esqueda bested Arnold Hill, 10.

Willie Toweel became British Empire champion by decisioning Johnny van Rensberg, 15. Roberto Ortega decisioned Ramon Perez, 12. Orlando Gonzalez whipped Bombon Oriantal, 10.

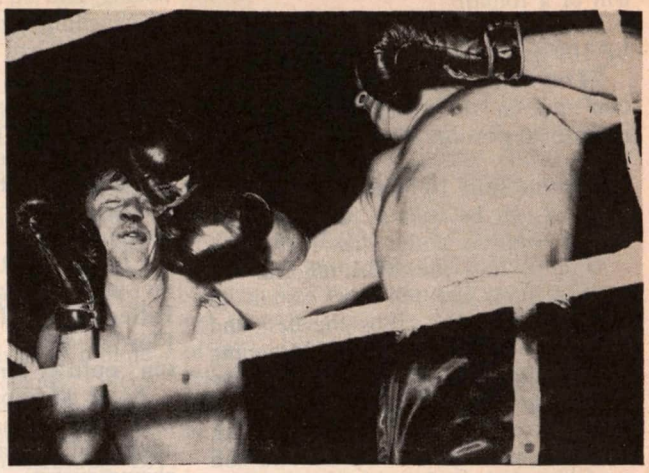
Hoacine Khalfi and Fernando Silva drew, 10, Silva kayoed Armando Lopez, 9. Beto Carbajal kayoed Angel Guerrero, 7. Tommy

PEREZ WINS AN 'OSCAR'



World flyweight champion Pascual Perez (left) evades a right thrown by Oscar Suarez as he withstood the challenge of the Cuban in their title bout at Montevideo, Uruguay, halting his opponent in the eleventh round.

THE HEINZ VARIETY



Heinz Neuhaus of Germany, (right) former European heavyweight champion, hooks a right to the head of bleeding Peter Bates of England during ten rounder at Westfallen Halle, Dortmund, Germany. Neuhaus won the decision for 9,000 cheering fans.

TOO EAGER TO LEARN

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cut, subscribed heartily to Goldman's ideas.

"I saw them use brine," he recalled, "others used a solution of water and rock salt."

The doc, who earned his way through medical school by boxing under the name of Jimmy Sheppard, observed: "If you look back, I think you will find good defensive boxing started to go out when they began training with headguards.

"Speaking from my own experience, when I started, there were a few times when I butted heads in the gym and, because I didn't have a headguard, I felt it plenty. As a result, I made darn sure the next time I moved so it wouldn't happen. It stands to reason the young fellows today would learn the same way if they didn't go in there wearing football helmets."

Dr. Nardiello is notable among ringside physicians for his refusal to panic at the sight of blood. Countless fighters owe come-from-behind victories to the fact that he didn't hustle them to the dressing room with a technical defeat because bettors howled: "Stop it! Stop it!"

"The public has the wrong idea about cuts," he reasoned, "I mean the danger to one's sight from eye cuts. The eye itself cannot be touched by the whole glove—a thumb can get in there and do damage—but a fairly delivered punch only will reach the skin around the eye.

"The most vulnerable area is around the eyebrows. The skin and bone form a ridge and, when a glove slides against the ridge, the skin splits against the bone.

"To repeat, the eye is unaffected. There's blood, often plenty of it, but it rarely gets into the eye. The way man's face is constructed, there's a natural tendency for the blood to run off down the outside of the eye. Or sometimes, if the cut is near the bridge of the nose, it will drop down along the nose. I may get an argument on this but I say I never have seen blood from a cut run into an eye."

It is firmly his opinion that the so-called safety glove, the big eight ouncer, which has replaced the sixers except for championship fights, is an undiscovered villain in causing cuts.

CASTING aside for the moment the question of gloves, it might be argued that any fighter could improve himself in learning to avoid cuts via extra time in the gym.

Joe Woodman, venerable manager, who had the late Sam Langford, once described the old-time fighter as "a full time working man."

"They'd run every day at 6 A.M., whether they were boxing that day or not," he remembered. "They'd go 10 miles, running and walking. After breakfast they'd rest but they'd always get to the gym by the time it opened, around 11:30.

"They'd do shadow boxing, limbering-up exercises, then their boxing, five, six rounds, after that, some more calisthenics, bag-punching and 'pushing around.'

"They'd play handball maybe or they'd go in for a rub. Either way, they didn't hurry out. They'd watch the other fellows work or they'd talk fights with the managers. Usually they didn't leave until it was almost time to go to supper."

Now—and this was worth waiting for—contrast that with the specific program of a modern fighter. The word 'specific' is used because it was furnished by a police detective assigned to trail this fighter. At the time, it was believed that the fighter could furnish valuable information in connection with a homicide and a check of his habits was ordered. Happily, the case was cleared up without calling the fighter in but here is the report of the detective:

"Did not leave home until 10:30 A.M. Went to nearby cafeteria for breakfast. Talked to acquaintances there for 45 minutes. Took subway to gym, where he arrived at 12:15. Did shadow boxing, three rounds of boxing, two rounds on the light bag. Had fast rubdown and was out of the gym by 2:30. Walked to subway, took local train one stop and went to movies. Stayed in theatre four hours for double feature. Then took subway home."

When the detective turned in this same report for five days, his lieutenant laughed at him. "Am I supposed to believe that?" he said, "no roadwork, barely two hours in the gym?" He announced he'd do the checking the next day. And, believe it or not, 24 hours later, he had to apologize to the detective—his report had been letter-perfect, even to the daily double feature.

Well, add it up—they're pushed two hard and fast in the effort to make main eventers of them, there's nobody to teach them how to slip and slide to avoid head collisions, the headguards give them false security while training, nobody bathes their faces in brine any more, the big gloves are tough to punch cleanly with, they don't apply themselves in the gym any more. Is it any wonder they are cut bait? The prosecution rests!

HARPER'S BIZARRE

Maurice Harper, California welterweight (right), bleeding from a damaged left eye from the first round on and in and out of trouble in the early stages of the fight, changed his tactics from slugging to boxing to outpoint Joe Miceli in a ten rounder at Oakland.

DISC-USSING ROCKY

Rocky Marciano, who retired as undefeated world heavyweight champion, is comforted by wife Barbara as he answers phone and discusses freak injury which laid him low. Romping with daughter, Mary Ann, 3, Rocky suffered a slipped spinal disc.

THROWN TO WOLVES? RORY CALHOUN---

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There are many others who took the hard road, among them Midget Smith. Harry Neary, his manager, never bothered to pick and choose. Smith had been fighting only a year when he lost to Johnny Buff, former flyweight and bantamweight champion. He fought Little Jack Sharkey and Joe Burman. He drew with Joe Lynch and a month later outpointed Pete Herman.

Smith knocked out Johnny Coulon and lost to Kid Williams. He served in the Army during two world wars, and also on the Mexican border.

Of course no one ever had as many tough fights as Henry Armstrong, who with Jack Dempsey and Louis shares the distinction of being elected to the Hall of Fame on the first ballot. The writer was privileged to see Armstrong win his three titles, the featherweight from Petey Sarron, the welterweight from Barney Ross and the lightweight from Lou Ambers. He topped this remarkable accomplishment by fighting a draw with Ceferino Garcia for the middleweight crown.

On the way up Henry defeated all the top featherweights, including Baby Arizmendi and Mike Belloise. He never defended this title, giving it up after he defeated Ross. Ambers regained the lightweight crown in a return bout but Armstrong successfuly defended the welterweight title 18 times.

Another welterweight champion who travelled the hard road was Kid Gavilan, which brings us back to Gil Turner. Turner could tell young Calhoun how he won 31 fights in two years, defeating Beau Jack, Ike Williams and Charley Fusari to find himself going against Gavilan for the welterweight crown.

Gil can also tell Rory how the experienced Gavilan cut him down in eleven rounds with his accurate right hand. Since then one tough fight has followed another. Lanky Bobby Dykes outpointed him, and so did Joey Giardello and Rocky Castellani. Turner won here, and lost there. It was hard going and Bobby Jones stopped him.

There was his sensational, though losing battle with Gene Fullmer, now the top ranking middleweight contender. Then he was stopped by Johnny Saxton and defeated by Bahama, who incidentally is being brought along slowly by his millionaire advisers.

Yes, the road can be rough, as Calhoun may or may not learn. He is being fashioned by Charley Goldman, Rocky Marciano's trainer, in the manner of the retired world heavyweight champion. The experts say Rory is easy, too easy to hit. The same was true of Marciano, and yet he completed his career undefeated. Rocky hit with authority. So does Calhoun.

Of course Rex Layne tried the hard way without success. He started off with a victory over Jersey Joe Walcott, and then stopped Bob Satterfield. That was high tide. In succession Rex was knocked out by Marciano and Charles. Since then he has been defeated by Roland LaStarza, Bob Baker and Willie Pastrano. Hurricane Jackson knocked him out twice.

For some the hard way has led to glory. For others it has been a rocky road to oblivion.

NEW FACES

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makes good use of his left and knows what to do with his right.

Born on March 25, 1935, in Maria Teresa—a province of Santa Fe, the 6-1 Argentinian who scales at 195 pounds has one sister. His father, who passed away, was Bulgarian; his mother is of French and Indian blood. After graduating from grammar school, at 13, Alex went to work; holding such jobs as a Post Office clerk, butcher and Supreme Court attendant. Later he became owner of a shoe repairing shop.

"I watch much fights," Miteff informs in broken English. *"Become interested. In 1950, I begin to preparing for ring. Training one year. I fifteen when enter amateurs. From 140 contests, I winning 126, boxing eleven draw fights. In 5 years I taking eight titles, in 3 classes: middleweight, 175-pound and heavyweight."*

GENORACE ARMSTRONG

AN agile young man with a flashy ring style, a quick eye and a fast punch, Genorace Armstrong—who started pro boxing on July 6, 1955—is undefeated in 5 bouts. The 5'-9" middleweight, married four years and father of 2 children, wants to succeed in boxing and thus gain security for his family. Aside from boxing, Armstrong works for the Gordon Gin distillers.

The speedy 156-pounder boasts of a fine amateur record: 75 wins out of 75 contests; Golden Gloves champ, 1951-52; also New Jersey AAU champion; First Army champ, 112th Div. champ; Runner-up All Army, 1953.

Born in Pickensville, Alabama, on Jan. 7, 1932, Genorace has five brothers and one sister. . . . Is a High School graduate.

"At 24, he is fully matured," informs manager Cus D'Amato, *"Armstrong is all set to get going. He's shifty, can take a punch well and has a classy ring style—the kind boxing fans go for. He often soars with his stable-mate, Floyd Patterson, and does quite well."*

BOGUS TITLE BOUTS

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teen rounds on February 14, 1951.

British promoter Jack Solomons has had an ample share of world championship bouts in recent years but the one thin gthat eluded him and the one thing he wanted most of all was a battle for the world heavyweight championship. Genial Jack, I believe, would have willingly lost money to have come up with that feather in his cap, that fish in his stall.

And he almost netted the big one, but it turned out to be little more than a fluke that floundered.

After Joe Louis' retirement early in 1949 as undefeated heavyweight champion the wheels were quickly set in motion to find a successor to the great Brown Bomber. With Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott the No. 1 and No. 2 rated fighters, the National Boxing Association gave recognition to a bout between them as being for the world title. Then Jack Solomons, at the height of his power, stepped in with a match between the number three and four men, his own Bruce Woodcock and American Lee Savold and declared the bout as for the world championship, with the blessings of the British Boxing Board of Control.

"I feel that I have just as much right as anyone to stage a world championship. I have two of the best heavyweights anywhere and I am willing to match the winner against anyone," said Jack.

Solomons was right. He had as much rightful say in the affair as anyone and he had two of the top men. But his bout—and likewise the N. B. A. recognized bout—were in essence merely elimination affairs. The Ring Magazine adamantly refused to recognize either winner as world champion.

Had Woodcock won Solomons would have been in a strong position and undoubtedly would have guided the course of later events. However, cut and hampered by profuse bleeding, a towel sailed out of the Britisher's corner at the end of the fourth round at White City Stadium, London, and the huge crowd was shocked to silence.

During this time Charles was methodically disposing of some of the other leading contenders in N. B. A. sanctioned title bouts, two of them even occurring in New York State, where his claims were unrecognized. Through 1950 Savold played the waiting game, engaging only in exhibitions, and in the end he found himself out in the cold.

With Joe Louis' decision to reactivate himself, a fight with Charles was made with no questions that the winner would be universally recognized. Charles won.

DURING the Second World War, with a number of world champions in service and a hungry public loaded with dough and eager to unload it on anything that smelled of extravaganza, various tournaments cropped up, tagging the winners as "Duration World Champions," a most meaningless title, nevertheless sanctioned by various State Athletic Commissions.

Jimmy Bivins, a top ranking fighter for over a dozen years, wound up with one of the synthetic crowns, when in the final elimination, on February 23, 1943, at Cleveland, he outpointed Anton Christoforidis over fifteen rounds to become "Duration Light Heavyweight Champion."

Bivins defended his "title" against Lloyd Marshall on June 9, 1943, also at Cleveland, where 18,448 fans paid $61,195 to see him win on a kayo in thirteen rounds.

Of more interest is what happened in the heavyweight division when Joe Louis went into service. Not one "Duration Heavyweight Champion" erupted from the muddle but several.

For instance, in Maryland a split fifteen rounds decision over Lou Brooks gave Big Boy Brown the "Duration Heavyweight Title," with sanction coming from the State Athletic Commission. The date was November 23, 1942.

A month later, on December 29, Harry Bobo defeated Buddy Walker in a ten rounder at Columbus in a bout okayed by the Columbus (Ohio) Boxing Association as for the "Duration Heavyweight Title"—and we only had forty-six more states to go!

Brown successfully defended his title against Pat Comiskey on December 21, 1942 and on January 25, 1943 some semblance of order was preserved when Brown and Bobo met at Baltimore with the "Duration Heavyweight Title" at stake with the blessings of the commissions of Maryland, Delaware and Ohio. For those who are interested, Bobo won the fifteen rounds decision.

A more recent such incident saw Percy Bassett loaded down with the imposing and impotent title of "Interim Featherweight Champion" while Sandy Saddler, the rightful champion, was in the Army.

Through the years there have been a number of instances where the N. B. A. and the New York Commission, and various others, have clashed and proclaimed their own champion. For a time, in the 1930's, the 160-lb. division was known as the "muddleweights" and champions were a dime a dozen.

Unless you're a diehard fan dozens of names listed as "fringe" champions are meaningless and strange to you. Dave Rosenberg and Phil Krug tangled for fifteen rounds in New York for middleweight recognition in 1922. In 1926 Red Chapman won the N. B. A. featherweight crown. In 1932 Tommy Paul and Johnny Pena went fifteen rounds for the same title with Paul winning. In 1935 Small Montana outpointed Midget Wolgast at Oakland, Calif., in a bout advertised as for the world flyweight championship while actually little more than the American title was at stake.

There are quite a few such cases, each winner at the time being solemnly designated as a world champion in what were nothing more than bogus title bouts.

The fact that these names mean little today proves how little they meant at the time. They are all but forgotten and difficult to trace. We wonder how many people will remember, say a decade or a score of years from now, that James J. Parker and Archie Moore met for the world heavyweight championship before Moore won the title.

RATINGS

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Elder outscored Ray Riojas, 10.

Paolo Rosi defeated Joe Lopes, 10. Larry Vasquez halted Cleo Lane, 1. Damasco Collazo kayoed Reyes Lopez, 8, and Luis Contreras, 8.

Tato Menendez decisioned Juan Medina, 10. Jimmy Grow halted Bobby Woods, 2. Pedro Pino kayoed Bobby Silva, 2.

Steve Ward whipped Edgar Stover, 6. Pantera de Champoton kayoed Felipe Novelo, 4, and Javier Mendez, 8. Beto Gonzalez decisioned Ernesto Aguilar, 10.

Benny Meeks kayoed Clyde Mayberry, 3. Jose Gallicia defeated Valentin Rangel, 10. Pete Kawaula whipped Eddie Burgin, 6.

Alvaro Gutierrez halted Luciano Gonzalez, 5. Gonzalez defeated Enrique Ortiz, 10. Walter Brown kayoed Gene Butler, 6. George Bracken decisioned Johnny Wheeler, 12.

Tony DeCola whipped Iggy Maldonado, 6. Ron Krough registered ninth straight professional kayo by polishing off Max Simpson, 7.

French Champion Seraphin Ferrer returned to action after long layoff to stop Albert Muller, 4. Felipe Hernendez whipped Guty Mava, 6. Harold Smith halted Al Hunter, 4.

Jose Arguelles won over Pedro Soto, 10. Chilanago Rosales whipped Carlos Barraran, 10. Tommy Salem whipped Harry Bell, 6.

Leroy Jones kayoed Rufus Graham, 3. Joe Charles defeated Rudy Sanchez, 6. Bob Bordett beat Leo Ricardo, 10.

Posey Bridges and Tony Reyes drew, 6. Felix Coleman defeated Elmo Ellis, 6.

Tommy Romulo kayoed Billy Bean, 3; Nick Gadson outpointed Harold Smith, 4.

Orlando ..ulueta decisioned Ludwig Lightburn, 10. Teddy Davis decisioned Rudy Jordan, 10. Juanito Martinez stopped Teo Frias, 7. Tommy Romulo kayoed Billy Beals, 3. Damaso Collazo kayoed Felix Medina, 4. Floyd East kayoed Hector Bacquetes, 2, and bested Gil Tapia, 6. Raul Rivera and Fidel Hernandez drew, 10. Abel Donnell kayoed Teruo Matsuyama, 4.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

European Champion Fred Galiana was stopped by lightweight Duilio Loi, 6. Previously, Galiana stopped Jean Labalette, 5.

Sonny Leon kayoed Jimmy Cooper, 8. Flash Elorde kayoed Cecil Schoonmaker, 9. Chico Medina scored over Baby Rosales, 10.

Paul Jorgensen outpointed Kid Campeche, 10, and Jackie Blair, 10. Ike Chestnut halted Carmelo Costa, 8.

Orlando Castillo decisioned Victor Quijano, 10. Willie Pep decisioned Russ Tague, 10.

Lulu Perez outpointed Rudy Ortega, 10. Kid Anahuac defeated Julio Escobedo, 10, Julio kayoed Luis Castillo, 6.

Santiago Martinez halted Andy Arel, 8. Manolo Garcia won vacant Spanish title by stopping Pedro Paris, 9. Kenny Davis decisioned Jose Cotero, 12.

Isidro Martinez kayoed Rodolfo Francis, 11. Manuel Armenteros defeated Joe Boland, 10.

Little Cezar and Bill Tinde fought a no contest, 6, Cezar then beat Gordon Bell, 10. Ernesto Figueroa kayoed Ernesto Parra, 7, and Felix Flores, 4.

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WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

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Allied Forces Sports Council.

Much of the leadership for this effective forerunner of CISM was provided by the United States during the period 1945-48 when most of the Allied Nations competed in track and field meets in Berlin in 1946 and 1947, in the swimming and diving meet in 1946, and the first boxing competition in 1947. This Council was abruptly terminated in late 1947 by the withdrawal of Great Britain, the United States, Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia. Its short span of experience had clearly demonstrated the effectiveness and usefulness of sports as an international medium, and the present organization, Counseil International du Sport Militaire, was founded in February, 1948. France called a meeting in Nice at which representatives from Belgium, Luxembourg, Denmark, The Netherlands and Norway laid the foundation for the present organization.

The United States accepted membership in CISM in 1951, and since that time has participated in and sponsored a number of the organization's annual athletic competitions.

The Executive Committee of CISM is responsible for the administration of the CISM. In principle, the executive committee meets twice a year, excluding the annual General Assembly. Lt. Col. John K. Pepper, Director of Personnel Services, Headquarters, USAFE, is a member of the executive committee.

The following is a list of member countries and the sports in which they engage.

Italy, Belgium, Argentina, Egypt, Spain, France, Greece, Iraq, Lebanon, Pakistan, Sweden, Luxembourg, Syria, Turkey, Holland, Norway, Brazil, Portugal and the United States.

Sports they participate in:

Boxing, Fencing, Soccer, Track & Field, Basketball and Swimming.

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Physical Training School, Aeronautical Pentathlon and General Assembly Meetings.

AIR FORCE LANDS SIX TITLES

Air Force battlers walked off with six championships and the team title of the National AAU boxing championships in Boston Garden, Boston, Mass.

The Air Force not only won the team title, but came up with the outstanding fighter of the tournament in middleweight Paul Wright, Bolling AFB, D. C. who won his weight title for the second straight year. He won out for the award by one point over lightweight Bill Cherry also of Bolling.

The classy middleweight also holds the Inter-Service, International, Pan American, National Golden Gloves and the world-wide AF Boxing crowns.

Besides Wright, other AF winners were featherweight Harry Smith, Sheppard AFB, Texas; lightweight Bill Cherry, Bolling; welterweight Jackson Brown, Sampson AFB, N. Y.; light middleweight Frank Davis, Greenham Common Air Base, England; and John Horne, Bolling.

The six AF titlists, as well as the other four AAU winners automatically qualify for the United States Olympic Trials in October.

Wright started off the defense of his title by outpointing Douglas Jones of Hanscomb AFB, Mass., in the semi-finals. He saved his best effort for the finals when he stopped Sixto Rodriguez in 2:04 of the second round.

Horne had little trouble pounding his way to the light heavy weight title. He outpointed Leslie Smith of Philadelphia in the semi-finals and won the championship by outclassing Jackson Williams of Pittsburgh.

Cherry also had an easy time of it, taking unanimous decisions over Eddie Lee of Philadelphia and Joe Parks of Omaha, Neb.

Smith swamed all over Marion McFarland, Philadelphia from the start and stopped the Philadelphian at 2:25 of the second round for the featherweight crown.

Brown had a stiff time in outpointing Dennis Moyer of Portland, Ore., while Davis with his overhand right kept Wilbur McClure in trouble throughout the fight and easily won his fight.

A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

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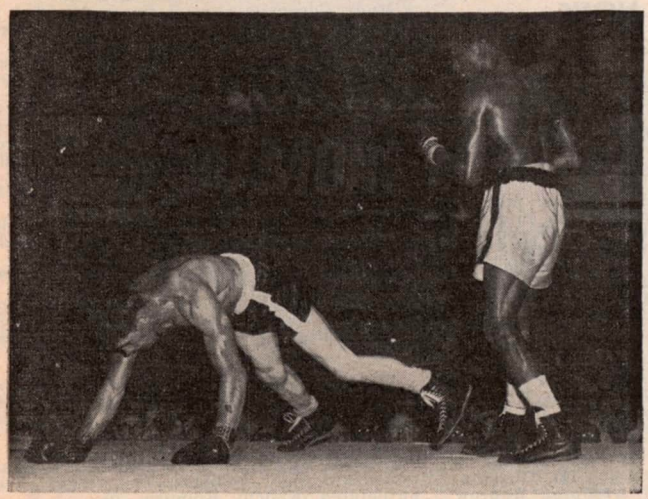
Post, that the State Commission used fine judgment in naming Ray Miller as the referee. Miller, said Buck, is the Commission's *"hot weather referee."* It was he who relieved Ruby Goldstein when Ruby collapsed from the heat while refereeing Ray Robinson-Joey Maxim a few years ago.

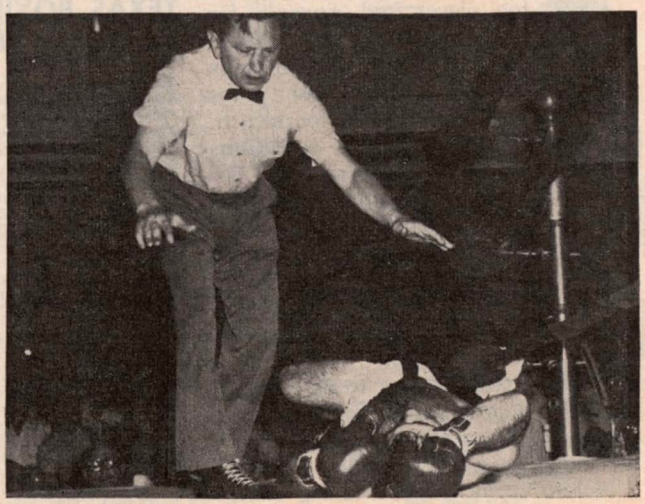
We cannot figure out the affinity between Wall Street and Jacobs Beach and yet: Leo Minskoff, manager of Willie Vaughn, is a wealthy member of an investment-building firm. . . . Barney Glickman, manager of Bobby Boyd and Johnny Holman, is a wealthy Chicago manufacturer of venetian blinds. . . . George Lyons, sponsor of Yama Bahama, is a wealthy Detroiter whose company makes parts for General Motors. . . . Frank Sinatra is part owner of Cisco Andrade. . . . Hymie Wallman, manager of a large boxing stable, is a mink coat manufacturer. . . . Marvin Jensen, who pilots Gene Fullmer, owns several mink farms in Utah. It must be the glamour and not the gold that attracts these men to boxing.

TROJAN VICTORY



In a hotly contested middleweight battle in which the winner was staggered several times, Willie Troy (right) defeated Jerry Luedee on a ten rounds split decision. Here Luedee slips to canvas in eighth.

TOUGH TONY?



Tough Tony Baldoni met up with Philadelphia middleweight Joey Giardello on one of Joey's better nights and was blasted out in less than a round. Referee Ray Miller counts him out. Photo by Salas.

THE GOLD RUSH

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Tex Rickard, who promoted the Gans-Nelson fight at Goldfield.

timekeeper for Nelson. Larry Sullivan, a local banker, and associate of Rickard's, was announcer.

Gan's handlers were Frank McDonald, Bob Turner, Kid Simms and Eddie Hanlon. Nelson's seconds were Nolan, Tim McGrath, Johnny Reide, Jim Griffin and Young Kid McCoy.

The attendance, somewhat short of the arena's capacity, was estimated at 5,500, including 200 women. The gate receipts were $69,715, assuring the promoters about a $10,000 profit on their spectacular gamble.

Because of the intense interest in the fight and heavy wagering on the result (Gans was a 10 to 7 favorite at the start), Sullivan announced that the arena was policed by the sheriff and an army of deputies, and any sign of disorder would be summarily dealt with.

It was 3:22 p.m. when Siler called the fighters to the center of the ring for instructions. Gans, winning the toss for corners, chose the northwest, where he'd have the blazing desert sun at his back. During instructions from the referee, Gans interrupted to offer Nolan a bet of $2,000 to $1,200. Billy declined.

Lack of space prohibits a detailed round-by-round account of the fight but, briefly, here is how it progressed:

Gans, too clever and ringwise for the rugged but comparatively crude Nelson, had the better of the early milling. Several times Nelson was warned for butting. In the fourteenth, Bat fell through the ropes and Gans pulled him back into the ring. At the end of the round Nelson kicked Gans and Joe promptly kicked back.

Nelson was warned again by Siler for elbowing and butting in the fifteenth, and in this stanza Gans scored the first knockdown of the fight, dropping Bat with a right to the chin.

In the sixteenth, the rivals wrestled in a clinch and tumbled through the ropes. Gans was bleeding slightly from the mouth as he went to his corner.

Nelson seemed to be taking charge of operations at this point, and when he won the next three rounds it looked as though Gans' weight-making ordeal and Bat's stamina were beginning to tell. Joe had particularly rough going in the 23rd when Nelson had him wincing and retreating from savage body punches. Gans weathered the storm, however, and by the 30th round he was again dominating the action.

By now both rivals had slowed down, and the bout was degenerating into a clutching, mauling affair.

In the 32nd, Gans cracked his right hand on Nelson's head.

By the 40th round both seemed near exhaustion, but Gans appeared in slightly better condition than Nelson. Bat, warned repeatedly for rough tactics, was bleeding from an assortment of facial cuts, and both eyes were nearly closed.

During the 41st round Gans, in a clinch, looked over Nelson's shoulder, toward Bat's corner, and grinned as he taunted Nolan: "Hey, what time is it?"

At the start of the 42nd a desperate Nelson lunged out of his corner, charged head first into Gans and began roughing Joe around. A couple of times he hit low. Pulling out of a clinch, Bat fired a right squarely into Gans' groin. Joe sank to his knees and doubled over on the canvas.

Siler, without hesitation, stepped in, ordered Nelson to his corner and declared Gans winner and still champion. The foul was so obvious not even those who had wagered on Nelson disputed the decision.

All this was just fifty years, a half-century, ago. An obscure gambler and a desert mining town had been suddenly catapulted into world-wide prominence. As the years moved on, Goldfield gradually drifted back to obscurity but the gambler, George L. (Tex) Rickard, went on to become one of the most spectacular promoters boxing has ever known.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

Beaumont, Texas, W. W. Farris, Promoter: Joe Brown, world's ranking lightweight from New Orleans, scored a four round technical knockout over veteran Eddie Brant, Dayton, Ohio, in the ten round feature attraction at the Sportatorium. Brown scaled 136, Brant, 140.

Floyd East, 136, Lake Charles, stopped Hector Bacuetes, 134, New Orleans, in a couple. Stanley Jones, 160, Houston, proved that his first knockout over Harold Redman, 159, Beaumont, was no fluke as he again put the skids under Redman, this time in five rounds. Lorenzo Hainsworth, 134, Orange, decisioned Lil' Bobby Flores, 139, Houston, in another six rounder.

▶ Corpus Christi, Texas, Benny Lozano, Promoter: Eloy Tellez Vann, 173, Corpus Christi, kayoed Harold Woodson, 177, San Antonio, in the fourth round. Juan "Lefty" Perez, 124, Corpus Christi, hammered out a six round win over Roy Hernandez, 128, Houston. Gilbert Hinojosa, 148, Corpus Christi, beat Dennis Woodbury, 150, San Antonio, in another six. Anthony Beasley, 141, Houston, made his pro debut by whipping Andrew Villareal, 143, Corpus Christi. In the four round opener, Salvador Villegas, 125, Corpus Christi, defeated Frankie Chacon, 135, San Antonio, by virtue of a two round tko.

▶ Corpus Christi, Texas, Benny Lozano, Promoter: Paul Jorgensen, the world's sixth ranked featherweight from Port Arthur, appeared in Corpus Christi for the first time, and won a ten round decision over Mexico City's Kid Campeche. Jorgy won the fight easily enough, but the courageous little Mexican with the bob and weave style kept boring in all the way to make it interesting. Jorgensen weighed 129, Campeche, 130.

RATINGS

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Cesar Morales kayoed Baby Lizarraga, 6. Joe Gonzalez stopped Gregorio Medina, 10.

Rudy Garcia stopped Collier Cox, 8. Humberto Carillo whipped Roy Hernandez, 10. Roy stopped Americo Rivera, 7. Billy Evans stopped Paul Armstead, 4.

Luis Contreras kayoed Otilio Galvan, 6. Brian Bennett outpointed Darcy Carr, 10.

Emilio dela Rosa and Beto Couray no contest, 6. Barry Hatcher stopped Herb Pittman, 10.

Carlos Ortiz kayoed Miguel Cardenas, 3. Freddy Fuller kayoed Ray Powell, 4.

Herman Duncan defeated Dom Sacco, 6. Luis Trujeque stopped Gregorio Santos, 8.

Already bantam champion, Kevin James became double Australian titleholder by stopping Bobby Sinn, 9, and adding feather laurels to his collection.

Jesus Santamaria won over Manuel Prescott, 6. Felix Cervantes defeated Torito Olivares, 8. Ricky Miner koyaed Puyas Boy, 7.

Baby Yucatan beat Felipe Nevole, 10. Harold Piper defeated Nestor Reyes, 10.

Pantera de Champoton II kayoed Zurdo Sanchez, 7. Roberto Garcia beat Gildardo Bacho, 10. Paul Lee won from Johnny Juliano, 6.

Enrique de la Cruz and Ramon Gonzalez drew, 2. Dave Rodriguez whipped Chebo de la Torre, 10.

Reyes Castanon kayoed Eduardo Santos, 5. Eduardo also lost to Sammy Serrano, 10. Luis Espinosa whipped Lauro Garcia, 8.

Ray DeLeon won from Rodrigo Duenas, 6. Joaquin Carrillo bested Memo Baltazares, 10, and Beto Rodriguez, 10..

Pepe Montes and Alfredo Mijangos drew, 10. Roberto Hernandez kayoed Raul Duran, 5, and bested Sal Fierro, 8.

Tony Vazquez stopped Chino Padilla, 4. Joey Reyes kayoed Raul Sanchez, 3.

Al Olivera defeated Dan Silva, 8. Jesus St. Maria kayoed Enrique Perez, 2. Frankie Gifueroa kayoed Pedro Figueroa, 2.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Mario D'Agata became world champion by stopping Robert Cohen, 6.

Leo Espinosa retained his Orient bantamweight title by outpointing Orient flyweight champion Hitoshi Misako, 12.

Kevin James, Australian bantam champ lost in 12 to Fedrico Scarponi.

Raton Macias outpointed Tanny Campo, 10. Ricardo Moreno kayoed Frankie Campos, 4.

Cris Miranda beat Rudy Alcantara, 8, and drew with Fighting Gorio, 8. Juan Cardenas stopped Pierre DeSouza, 6.

Joe Medel stopped Mike Cruz, 2. Larry Bataan stopped Baby Comacho, 8, and whipped Tommy Umeda, 10, while the Baby kayoed Jess Martinez, 4. Lucio Gonzalez kayoed Apolinar Huerta, 5.

Baby Ross and Buddy DeMarco drew, 8. Buddy kayoed Rica Jr., 4. Claudio Martinez scored over Byron Cumberbatch, 10.

Rudy Coronado kayoed Henry Morales, 1, and Otilio Galvan, 4. Miguel Lazu scored over Manuel Perdomo, 8.

Australian Champion Kevin James halted featherweight Bobby Sinn, 9. Raul Leanos whipped Babe Ruiz, 10.

German Ohm kayoed Jorge Gabino, 7. Wally Livingston bested Prince Johnson, 6.

Pulga Herrera kayoed Eddie Luna, 1, and Gallito del Rio, 6. Federico Scarponi outpointed Teddy Rainbow, 12.

Cheto Fernandez kayoed Kid San Martin, 4. Joe Becerra defeated Mario Ruiz, 10.

Chocolate Barrera won from Chiquilin Torres, 8. Manuel Rodrigeuz and Chuy Rodriguez, 10.

Arab Jr. defeated Ben Dayrit, 10. Marcial Galicia kayoed Tony Alamillio, 3.

Chango Ceballos kayoed Bobby Johnson, 3. James Hardman bested Fireman Kid, 8. Nacho Paredes won from Pepe Chavarria, 8.

FLYWEIGHTS

World Champion Pascual Perez retained his title by halting Oscar Suarez, 11. British Empire Champion Dai Dower defeated Stanis Sobolak, 10.

Memo Diez stopped Tony Mesa, 5.

Hitoshi Misako was outpointed by Bantamweight Leo Espinosa, 12. Danny Kid outpointed Keiichi Komuro, 10.

Bindi Jack won vacant Australian title by stopping Alan Gibbards, 6.

Ramon Cruz defeated Chucho Hernandez, 8. Tibico Torres and Luis Gallegos drew, 6.

RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA

by Ray Mitchell

WHAT A MONTH THIS ONE HAS BEEN. Half a dozen Australian champions in action; several upsets; two Australian champions beaten in upsets; two vacant titles contested; a dispute on the rules—and one leading trainer having three main-event boxers on in three cities hundreds of miles apart, on the same night.

Of the lot, the highlight would be the upset defeat of our lightweight champion, Col Clarke, by Charlie Dunn, in an overweight match at the Sydney Stadium. The story of the fight can be told simply: CLARKE CAUGHT COLD — KAYOED. Clarke, dynamite puncher, with 24 knockout victories in 28 fights, met another puncher, Dunn, a veteran in experience, though not in years and, after sparring for just over a minute, Dunn caught Clarke with the first punch of the fight—and Clarke never recovered.

A right hand over the top was Clarke's undoing. Dunn brought over the punch 1.15 after the start of the fight. It was a perfect punch, perfectly timed. Clarke went down in a heap in his own corner, but beat the count. Dunn piled in and Clarke threw a few ineffective punches. Dunn slipped them and dropped Col again. Clarke got off the floor and was sent down a third time before the round ended.

When the bell rang, Clarke moved to a neutral corner. He had no idea of what was going on, he did not know whether he was in Sydney or San Francisco. Referee Vic Patrick came to his corner at the end of the round to see how he was. Clarke's mentor, Billy Lawrence, said he would be O.K. But when the second round started, Clarke still had not recovered. He staggered to ring centre on jellied legs. Dunn took no chances, even though the champion was groggy. He knew that Clarke is a hard puncher. But Col had nothing to offer and he was sent down by another right. Clarke bounced up again, but his legs were crossed and Vic Patrick stopped the fight.

Dunn immediately challenged Clarke to a title tilt. Dunn weighed three pounds over the lightweight limit—his lightest for over two years. Clarke agreed to give Dunn a title shot in two months time.

The defeat will do Clarke a world of good. He has become so used to knocking out his opposition that he has forgotten to defend himself.

▶The second big upset occurred a week before, also at Sydney Stadium, when Australia crowned its first light-heavyweight champion since the death of Dave Sands on August 11, 1952. BILLY McDONNELL, 19-year-old middleweight champion, for whom I predicted a great future when he had his first pro fight 18 months ago, went under on points to RICARDO MARCOS in a close-contested title tilt. McDonnell has gone back since he won the middleweight crown. He needs a long rest.

▶In Brisbane, KEVIN JAMES, Australian bantam champion, stopped BOBBY SINN, Australian feather champion, in nine rounds. As both came in under the featherweight limit and the fight was over three-minute rounds, James thus won the title—even though it was a non-title fight. However, James immediately relinquished the feather crown, as he is satisfied with the bantam laurels. The announcement by Snowy Robbins, James' mentor, that Kevin had won the feather title, startled the Sinn camp, who had overlooked that point in the rules. But they heaved a sigh of relief when James announced that he did not want the feather title. But the Sinn camp overlooked one point (and so did the boxing writers, none of whom brought it to light): the feather title is now vacant; it does not revert to Sinn.

▶At last the flyweight title has a ruler. It will be remembered that Frankie Bennett lost the title on the scales, when he weighed in heavy for a match against Bindi Jack. That left the title vacant. Then Teddy Rainbow fought Bindi Jack for the vacant title, but the fight was declared no-contest.

Then Broken Hill put on a fight between Rainbow and Ray Coates, but four days before the scheduled title tilt, Rainbow informed the promoters that he could not make the weight, so it went on as a non-title go. Finally, on May 25, in Brisbane, BINDI JACK knocked out ALAN GIBBARDS in six rounds, to win the title. But the big question is: against whom will Bindi defend his title? There are no main-event flyweights in Australia outside the champion.

▶At Rockhampton, Queensland, Australian heavyweight champion, ALLEN WILLIAMS, was successful in a title defence against ERNIE BULL HUGHES. Referee Fred Henneberry stopped the contest at the end of the sixth round when Hughes had a badly-gashed eye. However, Hughes was outclassed from the start.

▶Three days earlier at Rockhampton, DON BRONCO JOHNSON had no trouble in accounting for JOHNNY DOYLE in six rounds.

▶That brings me to the trainer with three main-event fights on the one night, June 11. Ern McQuillan had Billy McDonnell at Sydney against Marcos; he had Johnson in Rockhampton against Doyle; he had Clarrie Grogan in Wellington, New Zealand, against Bill Beazley, Rockhampton is about 1000 miles from Sydney; Wellington is about 1200. Johnson saved the night for McQuillan, as McDonnell and Grogan each suffered a points defeat.

▶On May 21 At Sydney Stadium, HARRY GROGAN, Harry's junior-middleweight brother, had an easy night when he beat BILLY TODD in five rounds. A week later, Harry gave LUIGI COLUZZI, Italian, the fight of his life. Coluzzi won the fight on points, but it was hard and there was not much in it, even though the verdict was clear.

Saw a prospect on the Grogan-Todd card. He is BILLY LAWRENCE (no relation to Clarke's trainer) who stopped Teddy Lingard in six rounds of an eight. Billy is a feather who was amateur champion of Scotland. I saw him in the amateur ranks here and I refereed one of his pro fights. He impressed me from the start as a smart boxer, but I wanted to know how he would react under fire. He showed me against Lingard (his third pro start): Lingard hit him a beauty and Lawrence went straight in and knocked him down. That was the finish.

▶Queensland bantam champion, DICK WHITE, created an upset when he stopped ranking Australian feather, BRIAN SMITH, in eight rounds in Brisbane. On the same bill, rising lightweight puncher, RON KROUGH upended MAX SIMPSON in seven. Krough has had nine pro starts for nine K.O. wins.

▶In Perth, Western Australia, STEVE ZORONICH, W. A. heavy champion, was successful in defending his State title when he outpointed CARL MARCHIN over 15.

▶Italian bantam, FEDERICO SCARPONI, outpointed TEDDY RAINBOW at Sydney Stadium on June 5 in rather a quiet fight. On the supporting card, Brian Bennett outpointed Darcy Carr over ten in another thriller of their series of three fights. The other two were drawn. Brian Bennett may never win the Australian feather title, but he is one of the best crowd-pleasers in the business.

▶Leading feather contender, BARRY HATCHER, stopped HERB PITTMAN, Australia's busiest fighter, in Collingwood, Victoria, in ten rounds and in the ten-round support, Nick Farrelly, welter, got his revenge over middleweight Taffy Mathews, by beating Taffy on points. When they met a month ago, Mathews outpointed Nick.

▶ROD LITZOW, Queensland welter champion, who has been fighting as a middleweight for his last few fights, was taken the full distance for the first time in his career, when Italian, LUIGI MALE (middleweight) drew with him, in Brisbane.

▶GEORGE BRACKEN, chief contender for Col Clarke's lightweight title (unless Charlie Dunn proves he is a legitimate 135 pounder) outpointed JOHNNY WHEELER at Collingwood on June 8, in a rather quiet contest.

▶That is all for this month. My address is: 24 Milburn Rd., Gymea, N.S.W., Australia.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

By J. C. duPisani

CITY HALL, JOHANNESBURG: GRAHAM v. d. WALT, national bantamweight champion, retained his title against Denis Adams, the national flyweight king. Adams, 114½, put up a great battle but from the seventh round on v. d. Walt, 155⅝, unleashed a terrific attack. In the eighth, Adams was dropped twice and in a helpless state when the bout was halted by the referee with Adams on the ropes and v. d. Walt continuing the onslaught.

Albert Scott, 156¾, was victorious over Eddie Thomas, 157, in a 12 rounds bout for the Transvaal middleweight title. Thomas took a terrific hammering in the sixth round and could not come out for the seventh.

In an eliminator for the vacant South African welterweight title, Piet Pieterse, 145½, won over Ernie Vorster, 146¾, on a disqualification in the third round. Vorster was ahead at the time.

Lennie Von Gravenitz, 154½, halted D. J. LeGrange, 150, in the second round. G. De Klerk, 190, won on points from J. Corbett, 186, in a four rounder.

▶Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia: Jimmy Elliott, 160, defeated former European middleweight champion Tiberio Mitri, 161½, on points over ten rounds. Elliott substituted for Mike Holt.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish

ITALY was the scene of some of the most important events of the year during June. The deaf-mute, Mario D'Agata, brought to Italy the World Bantam title by stopping Robert Cohen in a disappointing bout in Rome while Duilio Loi loomed as a fine candidate for world honors by knocking out Fred Galiana in Milan.

Hans Friedrich dimmed the star of Franco Cavicchi by lacing the European champion in his own backyard at Bologna. Another to get his ambitions badly blunted was Germinal Ballarin, touted as the new Cerdan. The French star was thoroughly outpaced in Berlin by erratic Peter Müller. Mitri was beaten by Elliott in South Africa but gained a disputed decision over Pat McAteer while Giannino Luise was stopped in London by Henry Cooper. So much for the summary, now for the details.

▶ **Rome**—When Eugène Criqui got his jaw smashed in World War I, he found to his surprise that he could soak up any punch to the chin. Robert Cohen was less fortunate. After getting his jaw badly broken in a car crash, he is no longer able to take a stiff clout in that region and that flaw in his armor cost him the World Bantam title, which still remains in Europe. Cohen tangled with Mario D'Agata before a roaring crowd of some 40,000 at the Olympic Stadium but failed to give a performance worthy of a champion. He was warned twice in the third round for infringing the rules and again in the fourth. The fighters clinched continually. In the fifth, D'Agata cut Cohen over the left eye. In the next round he fought on the retreat and lured Cohen on. The Algerian threw a left hook to D'Agata's jaw but that was instantly countered with a steaming right to his own chin. D'Agata landed with another right to the jaw which dropped the champion for "8". The gong sounded and in the interval, referee Waltham examined Cohen's eye and stopped the fight.

On the rest of the star-strewn bill, Tiberio Mitri gained a bad decision at the expense of British champion, Pat McAteer. The handsome Pat was out-generaled by Mitri in the early rounds but dropped the blond Trieste battler twice in the fifth and once in the tenth.

In another middles slam, Guido Mazzinghi pounded out a quick victory over Claude Milazzo, from Tunisia, who was obliged to retire in the third with cut eyes. Milazzo has decided to withdraw from active boxing.

Laouri Godih, the brilliant Algerian lightie who is the most-avoided man of his weight in Europe, finally got a chance to prove his mettle and completely outboxed Enrico Macale over eight rounds. Mario Di Persio creased Paul Sylva, in the fifth round of a heavyweight bout.

▶ **Trieste, Italy**—Aldo Pravisani, who recently did so well against Hogan Bassey, added to his prestige by gaining a surprise victory over the Spanish gypsy, José Hernandez, in a blistering feathers ten.

▶ **Laon, France**—The battling railroadman, Gilbert Lavoine, was far too strong for Tino Albanèse and forced him to retire in the seventh heat of their middles debate.

At Besancon, Michel Lombardet punched out a win over the chunky German welter, Gerd Müller, over ten rounds while at the Paris Central, Christian Marchand licked Gabriel Viel in a bantam ten and the Spaniard, Garcia, won over Thunière, who retired in the fifth session of their lightweight argument.

▶ **Essen, Germany**—Although he dropped Willi Hoepner to the deck for a couple of counts, Hans Friedrich was not impressive and boxed a draw with Hoepner, a stone and a half lighter. Max Schmeling was third man.

In two further heavyweight disputes, Bobby Warmbrunn outfought towering Hans Brendemühl over eight and Hans Drabes whipped Dieter Schwingel in four.

Erwin Hack defeated Karlheinz Bücher in a cruiser six. Willi Quattuor stopped Löh in the first heat of a feathers bout and Herbert Soodmann was unlucky to get only a draw with veteran Alois Brand in a middles six.

▶ **Milan, Italy**—After his recent disappointing affair against Hernandez it was encouraging for Italian fans to watch how Duilio Loi disposed of another, more dangerous, Spaniard—Fred Galiana. A crowd of 10,000 packed the Vigorelli Stadium, where Loi demonstrated that, as long as the opposition is worth making an effort, he is by far the best lightweight in Europe. In the second frame, Loi dropped the Toledo Blade with a right. Up at "9", Fred shook his head and returned to the attack, only to be downed with a crippling left to the liver for "8". The gong saved him.

Galiana was floored twice in the fourth round. The end came in the sixth, when Loi threw a left hook to the liver which creased the Blade, who lay writhing on the deck in agony.

Franco Festucci was also pitted against a Spaniard, the crude but powerful Bautista Navarro who holds the cruiser title. Navarro lasted nine rounds before his corner slung in the sponge.

Gaetano Garbelli, returned from his American jaunt, obliged the mediocre French welter, Sigi Jarych to retire in the ninth and Giordano Campari licked Dos Santos in a feathers eight. In the curtain-raiser, Elio Busetto trounced Di Candia in a lightie six.

▶ **Melilla, Spanish Morocco**—José Ogazon retained his flyweight title by stopping Juanito Cid in the eleventh round. At Barcelona, Gil Suarez won on points over promising Manolo "Young" Gonzales in a good welter eight.

▶ **Echeveningen, Holland** — Five German guests were defeated by their Dutch rivals at this seaside resort. Leen Jansen had a narrow lead over Fritz Wenzel until the sixth, when he laid the Teuton out with a powerful right. Piet Van Klaveren scraped through with a close win over Karlheinz Fiederich in a lightweight ten and Jo Lamers slammed out Peter Werner in the second frame of a middles debate. Alfred Schweer suffered a nasty setback, retiring in the fifth round of his bantam scrap with Heintje van der Zee. Tough Gert Müller lost out to Frits van Kempen in a welter eight.

▶ **Pavia, Italy**—Marcello Padovani proved that he still is to be reckoned with by holding up and coming Annibale Omodei to a draw in their excellent lightweight eight. Giordano Campari whipped Arthur Emboulé, in a feathers eight and Cavalieri licked Di Candia in a lightie six.

At Taranto, Umberto Vernaglione, blond welter challenger, took just under four heats to dispose of the German, Helmut Höhmann.

▶ **Padua, Italy**—An all-heavyweight bill attracted a large gate. Federico Friso, 205, had a height and weight advantage over the Austrian blond Bomber, Karl Ameisbichler, 190, who nevertheless attacked right from the start. Friso soon had his man under control and slung his dangerous left to the liver in the second round, flattening the Austrian for keeps.

Uber Bacilieri, 210, was given a good fight by the novice, Alois Senn of Austria, 192, who cut the Italian's eye but lost by a clear margin over eight rounds. Giannino Luise, 212, pounded steadily away at clumsy Horst Herold, forcing him to retire in the sixth round with a cut left eye.

▶ **Milan**—Once again, a program devoted to promising youngsters at the Ice Palace was not well attended. In two middleweight slams, Aldo Chiesa drew with Salvatore Boi and Guglielmo Paulon got the better of Giancarlo Brusa, while Letterio Petilli licked Flaviano Ciancarelli in a good feathers eight. Giacomo Spano defeated Giacomo Urbani in a flyweight six and Fioravente Merlo trounced Mario Posca in a lightweight six.

▶ **Tunis**—A crowd of 3,000 saw Alphonse Halimi, latest bantam threat, tear into the Spanish champion, Joaquin Navarro, and blast him out in the second round. Robert Guivarch outscored Amor Tahar, local mid-

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

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HEAVIES	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Emilio Marconi (I)
2. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Hans Stretz (G)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Valere Benedetto (F)
3. Hans Friedrich (G)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Franco Festucci (I)	Gaetano Garbelli (I)
4. Franco Cavicchi (I)	William Besmanoff (G)	Peter Muller (G)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)
5. Kurt Schiegl (A)	Charles Colin (F)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Jacques Prigent (F)
6. Uber Bacilieri (I)	Wim Snoek (H)	Max Resch (G)	Kid Dussart (B)
7. Marcel Limage (B)	Aless. D'Ottavio (I)	Leen Jansen (H)	Idrissa Dione (F)
8. Werner Wiegand (G)	Ahmed Boulgroune (F)	Andre Drille (F)	Umberto Vernaglione (I)
9. Antonio Crosia (I)	Artenio Calzavara (I)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Gunther Hase (G)
10. Emile Vidal (F)	Jacques Bro (F)	Guido Mazzinghi (I)	Jacques Herbillon (F)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Fred Galiana (S)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Young Martin (S)
2. Bruno Visintin (I)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Robert Cohen (F)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
3. Seraphin Ferrer (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Guy Schatt (F)
4. Laouri Godih (F)	Rudi Langer (G)	Jean Renard (B)	Henri Schmid (F)
5. Louis Carrara (F)	Jules Touan (F)	Gaetano Annaloro (I)	Robert Mouginot (F)
6. Felix Chiocca (F)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Robert Pollazon (F)
7. Mario Vecchiato (I)	Nello Barbadoro (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Jose Ogazon (S)
8. Fernand Nollet (F)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Pipo Dionisio (F)
9. Piet van Klaveren (H)	Jose Hernandez (S)	Roger Cappato (F)	Emile Delplanque (B)
10. Annibale Omodei (I)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Dante Bini (F)	Gius. Gaviano (I)

LEGEND: (A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (F) France; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (S) Spain; (SW) Sweden.

dles star, over ten rounds and Louis Carrara lost prestige by only achieving a draw against Ben Ali in a lightweight ten.

At Biarritz, Andre Drille outboxed the tough Italian, Gino Rossi, in a hard middles ten and at the Paris Central, Gabriel Viel got an unpopular verdict over Roland Roy in a bantam ten while Kaczkowsky stopped Francois Kania in the sixth of a cruiser clash.

▶ **Grosseto, Italy** — The former feathers champ, Artidoro Polidori, came through in most convincing style against Ray Famechon, once the terror of all Italian feathers. Much slower than of yore, Ray was narrowly outpointed by the speedy and intelligent Polidori, over ten rounds. Giacomo Di Jasio halted Franco Giannini in the fourth frame of a lightweight furore and Domenico Baccheschi earned more than a draw against the former cruiser champ, Ivano Fontana, over eight rounds.

▶ **Bologna, Italy**—It was a bad day for Franco Cavicchi when he agreed to meet Hans Friedrich in a non-title fight here. They had drawn in two previous bouts, in 1953, since then the German has added extensively to his experience. Friedrich busted the Italian's eye in the fourth and from there on it was all Friedrich's, who won on points after ten rounds.

A much better heavyweight prospect is Mario Di Persio, unbeaten in his seven pro starts. He iced Giancarlo Bettazoni in the opening round.

Italo Scortichini halted the French middle, Michel Masson, in the eighth heat and Mario Faverzani battled to a draw with Remo Carati in another middleweight eight. Six thousand attended the program.

▶ **Jesi, Italy**—Antonio Lausdei decisioned Ilario Suvilla in a heavyweight six, Mafaldo Rinaldi drew with Piai in a lightie six.

At Sarzana, Sert nodded Palazzolo in a feathers six.

At Ancona, Gheri Fretzghi continued his impressive kayo run by putting the chopper on capable Duilio Bianchini in the opening stanza of their welter discussion.

▶ **Dortmund, Germany**—Peter Müller stood not on formality when he met Al Mobley, the middleweight. Müller blasted right into his foe from the first gong and pounded the daylights out of the visitor. The ref halted the bout in round four.

Brother Addy Müller knocked out Günther Chomuntowski in the fourth heat of a lightie bout and Albert Westphal lost to Hans Strelecki in a heavyweight four.

Walter Storms, 174, was checked by Wenzel Bocick, 171, and Kurt Krahnen, 127, laced Sonny Michels, 134, over six rounds. Karlheinz Guder scored his tenth kayo win in as many starts by putting the skids under the Belgian welter, Marcel Scherens, in the opening round.

▶ **Madrid, Spain**—The Bull-ring was well attended when Fred Galiana took on Jean Labalette of France, prior to his meeting with Loi. The French mulatto gave a very poor showing and his corner slung in the towel during the fifth round.

Manolo Garcia was also far too good for his adversary, Pedro Paris, whom he stopped in the ninth round. Garcia now succeeds to the feathers title, recently left vacant by Hernandez.

Juan Cardenas, an excellent prospect, halted Pierre De Souza of France in the sixth of a bantam affair and Emilio Orozco drew with Humberto Marin in a welter eight.

▶ **Krefeld, Germany**—Archie Moore's sparmate, Clint Bacon, was due to meet William Besmanoff here but failed to arrive. Erwin Hack subbed and held out gamely against the more experienced fighter, losing on points over eight rounds.

Horst Niche won clearly over Karlheinz Bücher in a second cruiser bout over eight rounds and Leo Starosch, the veteran Austrian champ, lost to Herbert Soodmann in a middles six. Ossi Büttner, 191, could only obtain a draw with Hans Drabes in a fierce four-rounder and Willi Quattuor nodded Willi Gelhaar in a feathers four.

▶ **Fiumicino, Italy**—After more than a year's absence from ring warfare, Gian Alfonsetti returned to action with a clear points win over the modest Belgian heavy, Louis De Bolster, over eight rounds. Innocenti licked Carbonari in a feathers six.

At Rieti, Ugo Milan, brother of Sergio, stopped Tieri in the fifth of a feathers fray and Giordanella shared honors with Colalongo in a feathers six.

▶ **Paris—At the Central**—Michel Clavel won a rugged welter ten from Tiodmir Zambujo while Epiphane Akono licked Kettani in a lightie six.

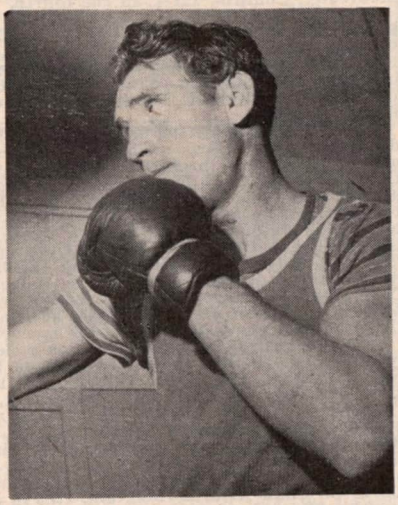
At Caen, Ray Mocques got the better of Roland Romano, Tunisian middle, over ten and at Hesdin, René Brunet put the skids under Ray Souply of Belgium in the fourth frame of a lightie disturbance.

At Perigueux, Edouard Ptak outscored the Algerian veteran, Bouadjemi Mokhfi, in a lightie ten. Simon Perillat, southpaw puncher, outfought Ray Paini of Italy in a lightweight ten at Annecy.

▶ **Nancy, France**—Séraphin Ferrer returned to action. He had suffered a nervous breakdown following his kayo defeat by Percy Bassett last year. His first victim of this new campaign was Albert Müller, a light hitter, who went out in the fourth when Ferrer slammed over a right hook to the jaw.

▶ **At Marseilles**—Gracieux Lamperti won a points decision over Francis Bonnardel in a good feathers ten. Aldo Pravisani, the Italian firebrand, beat Remorini in five rounds and Taibi halted Gonzalve in the fifth of a middles collision.

▶ **Milan, Italy**—At the Ice Palace, Franco Festucci accepted a tougher foe than in his recent outings, namely Mickey Laurent, the



Hans Stretz, Germany's second best light heavyweight, who gave a good performance in defeating Wim Snoek in Hamburg.

veteran French middle. The handsome Roman very impressively took the nod after ten rounds.

Italo Scortichini had a tough nut to crack in the person of Jacques Dugènie, blond French middle with dynamic clout and the glass jaw. It was ding-dong until the sixth, when the Italian got the upper hand. He dropped Dugènie in the ninth for "9" but the visitor came back to lambast Scortichini soundly in the final heat. The duke went to Scortichini by a close margin after ten rounds.

Aristide Pozzali, classy flyweight king, halted the courageous Belgian, Jos Sas in the fifth and Luciano Finiletti licked Robert Allentin, French cruiser, over six. Guido Belotti drew with Freschi in a feathers six.

▶ **Paris**—The big guys took over at the Central, where Robert Duquesne, lanky blond from the north, roughed it up with Bernard Pacini and stopped him in the eighth of a heavyweight maul. Kaczkowsky chilled Piere Debrossard in the second heat of another heavy slam and André Caulier stopped the gallop of Marcel Leorier in the sixth of a cruiser clash.

At Evreux, Robert Guivarch got the better of Constant Alcantara in a middles ten.

▶ **Cologne, Germany**—The local ace, Peter Müller, was most convincing in his return bout with the Belgian, Joseph Janssens, who at 152 was four pounds lighter than Black Peter. It was a torrid affair. Müller won handily over eight rounds.

Hans Kalbfell, 203, scraped home a very narrow winner over Alain Cherville, 203, in their return bout over six rounds while Karlheinz Guder, 146, pasted Henry De Groot, 152. He dropped the Belgian several times. De Groot answered with blatant fouls and was ruled out at the end of the fourth.

Alois Brand, 154, drew with the Frenchman, Roger Gade, over six and Hans Paffenholz, 149, noded Paul Joram over four.

Addy Müller, 143, checked Günther Chomuntowski, 152, in the second frame.

▶ **Brescia, Italy**—The new cruiser king, Artenio Calzavara, was again in fine form, halted the tough French puncher, Lou Mezierès, in five. Rocco Mazzola iced the mulatto, Georges Bracco, in the seventh of another cruiser affair and Pinto stopped Frigeri in the third of a welter bout.

▶ **Levallois, France**—Henri Schmid, promising flyweight star, trounced Jose Alvarez in a good ten-rounder while at Juan-les-Pins, Francis Magnetto became the new heavyweight champion of Provence by stopping Alex Cérémonia in eight rounds.

At the Paris Central, Moustique Meslem proved too fast and too clever for young Jacques Poinson and won their feathers ten by a good margin. Marcel Duchassaing licked Daniel Dhamani in a feathers eight.

▶ **Vienna, Austria**—Alois Senn, 192, was not too impressive against the experienced German, Bobby Warmbrunn, 202, but was given the nod after eight rounds.

▶ **Bologna, Italy**—Remo Carati checked the comeback of Bruno Bernardinello by licking him in a hard middles six.

At Perugia, Nazzareno Gianelli could only draw with Lelio Tieri in a bantam eight while Raschi won over Angelo Idi in a middles six.

At Civitavecchia, Nicola Funari got the better of Duilio Lippi, who was obliged to retire in the sixth frame.

▶ **Hamburg, Germany**—Yet another good performance by Hans Stretz put the former middles champ securely at the top of Europe's cruisers. Wim Snoek, who had reported his intention of retiring, tackled the Berliner here before a crowd of 3,000. It was nip-and-tuck for most of the fight but Stretz increased his lead by forceful hitting and wound up clear points winner after ten hectic rounds.

Piet Klyssens, 180, needed no Dutch courage to avenge his team-mate and thrashed Uwe Janssen, 180, into submission with a kayo in the seventh round while Hans Wohlers, 153, won clearly over the Italian, Dante Madella, over six rounds.

Pietro Baldini, 182, of Italy, was ruled out in the fifth round of a poor fight with Horst Niche, 180, for lack of combativity.

In two further Dutch-German slugfests, Helmut Mistol was handy winner over Ko Zwaan in a whirling welter six and Erich Walter got the better of speedy Gerhard van Eyk in a middles six.

▶ **La Spezia, Italy**—The national lightie champ, Bruno Visintin, had some trouble with highly-touted Manolo "Young" Gonzales of Spain but won clearly over ten rounds while Walter Serti had a tougher task against Pedro Cahuet, also of Spain, who lost to the local in a good welter eight.

Mario Faverzani drew with Aristide Dal Piaz in a middles eight and Aureliano Bolognesi won over Bardi in a lightweight six.

▶ **Paris—At the Central**—Manuel Salcedo came through with another good win by fighting down the attacks of Claude Lapourielle, to get the nod after ten fierce sessions. Roger Prigent was held to a draw by Ali Oura in a furious lightweight eight and Guy Alicou got the better of Leguyader in a welter eight.

▶ **Berlin**—Germinal Ballarin lost to Peter Müller at the Sports Palace. The winner took the offensive against the too impressionable French battler and maintained his lead for most of the ten rounds.

Other French visitors, all of the Bretonnel stable, were equally unimpressive. William Besmanoff thumped out a sound points win over Eugène D'Alessio in a heavyweight eight and Günther Hase was unlucky to get only a draw against the heavier Marcel Pigou, a natural middleweight, over eight.

Rudi Langer fought brilliantly to outscore Morlay Kamara, a stone heavier, in a fast lightweight eight and Alfred Schweer bested Ray Bénard in a feathers six.

In two further lightweight affairs, Addy Müller stopped Dieter Dorst in three and Karlheinz Rauen laced Wolfgang Bohnert over four.

PITTSBURGH PUNCHES
By Mickey Davies

QUICKIES — WITH TWO GOOD WINS OVER JIMMY PERRAULT AND ALAN KENNEDY scored in Winnipeg rings, young Wilf Greaves now is going after "name" game. As we go to press he is tabbed to meet Al Andrews, the Superior Socker in the main mixup at Forbes Field . . . Jake Mintz has done a remarkable job with the transplanted Canadian. . . . Stockholm promoters are anxious to show both Bob Baker and Ezzard Charles over there . . . Henry Hickman, crack local amateur biffer has inked a contract with Billy Conn and Hymie Schwartz.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

I WOULD LIKE TO CLEAR UP A "MYTH" that has appeared in some of the British sporting pages and finally on Jack Solomons' T.V. programme, viz—That when Pete Herman defeated Jimmy Wilde in the 17th round in London on Jan. 13, 1921, he (Herman) was overweight.

The answer was given by Mr. Charlie Barnett, the well known Welsh sports writer and one of the first of B.B.B.C. boxing referees.

The facts are these:— Herman was the World's bantamweight champion when the match was made by the promoters, Messers. Welsh and Pollock for The American to weigh in at 118 pounds at 2 p.m. Unknown to Sammy Goldman, Herman's pilot, the Wilde camp had a contract for a ringside weigh-in.

Before leaving America for England, Herman left his title in the capable hands of Joe Lynch of New York on Dec. 22, 1920, at the end of 15 rounds.

At the weigh-in at The Royal Albert Hall for the Wilde contest, and as spokesman for the Herman camp, I asked Bill Keen, sports writer for "The Sporting Life" if he was in charge of the weigh-in. The reply was that "The Life" had sent him down to weigh the contestants.—Sammy Goldman then asked where was the Wilde contingent. I replied that Wilde, fully dressed at any time, would not weigh more than 110 pounds. Herman went on the scales and tipped the beam at 117½—When the manager of Wilde, Teddy Lewis, asked for Herman to weigh in later on in the evening preceding the tournament, it was then revealed that Herman had a contract for weigh-in at 2 p.m. and Wilde for RINGSIDE.

After many arguments with the promoters, the late Sir Harry Preston tried to make peace between the parties, for sitting at the ringside was the Prince of Wales, now the Duke of Windsor, who was a great fight fan. —Eventually Teddy Lewis consented for Wilde to go into the ring for his bout with Herman, after asking and receiving a bonus to the agreed sum.

I hope that this will end all discussions about the OVERWEIGHT affair.

Here are the month's boxing results!

▶**HARRINGAY ARENA**—Lightheavyweight Champion of the World, Archie Moore, USA, retained his title when he stopped challenger Yolande Pompey, Trinidad, in the tenth of a scheduled fifteen rounder. Referee Jack Hart intervened when Pompey was in a bad way after taking three long counts. Nat Fleischer, our Editor, gave a full account of the bout in the last issue.

Moore revealed himself to be a true champion in the way in which he disposed of his rival after being behind on points.

In the chief supporting contest, Peter Waterman, Clapham, 145¼, won the British Welterweight Championship when he stopped the holder, Wally Thom, Birkenhead, 145¼, in the sixth of a scheduled fifteen rounder. The bout, on a even keel until the unfortunate end, was won by Waterman when Thom was forced to retire with a very badly gashed eyebrow.

Bobby Neill, Scotland, 128, kept his unbeaten record safe and scored his best victory to date when he stopped Freddie Reardon, Downham, 129½, in the third session. It was again a cut eye that caused the end, but Neill was well ahead at the time. . . .

Johnny Miller, North Shields, 136¼, lost narrowly on points to Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 137¾, over eight rounds. . . . Tony Barrett, Pimlico, 146, knocked out Paul King, Torquay, 149¼, in the seventh of an eight rounder. . . . Johnny Mann, Birmingham, 136, stopped George Whelan, Acton, 136½, in the first session. . . . Manuel Burgo, North Shields 195½, outpointed Fenwick "Baby" Ward, Trinidad, 218, over six rounds.

▶**LIVERPOOL STADIUM** — Pat McAteer, Birkenhead, 160, British and Empire Middleweight Champion, outpointed Tino Albanese, Italy, 161¼, over eight rounds. . . . Jim McGuiness, Wishaw, 143, outpointed Gerry McStravick, Belfast, 143, over six rounds. . . . Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 123, and Alf Lister, Manchester, 127½, drew over six rounds. . . . Billy Anderson, Liverpool, 129, won over Colin Clough, Blackpool, 127, when the latter was disqualified in the second round. . . . John Hunt, Wigan, 179½, knocked out Ben Burt, Doncaster, 178, in the third. . . . Willie Smith, Manchester, 141¼, outpointed Jimmy Cottrill, Birkenhead, 140, over four rounds.

▶**BELFAST** — Sammy Hamilton, Belfast, 161¼, stopped Jim Lindley, Doncaster, 169¼, in the seventh of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Jim Moran, Leeds, 207, stopped Paddy Rose, Belfast, 194½, in the second round. . . . Billy Corbett, Carrickfergus, 149, stopped Cliff Garvey, Dundalk, 158¼, in the third. . . . Harry Millar, Belfast, 133, outpointed Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 129¼, over six rounds. . . . Harry Hunter, Belfast, 123¼, stopped Alex McCready, Conlifm, 121¼, in the fourth.

▶**CLAPTON STADIUM**—Gordon Wallace, Canada, 161¾, won the British Empire Lightheavyweight Championship when he easily outpointed Ron Barton, West Ham, and British Lightheavyweight Champion, 174¼, over fifteen rounds.

Wallace, a hard hitting slugger, completely devoid of science, was always the aggressor and it was almost farcical to watch the way in which his telegraphed right leads would always find their way to Barton's jaw. Barton, hitherto considered a fine boxer, was hopelessly outclassed and it says much for his courage that he was able to last the entire fifteen rounds. At no time during the bout did Barton look like a winner, or indeed a Champion, and in the thirteenth session, when he took counts of eight and nine, he can be thankful that the bell came to his rescue.

Arthur Howard, Islington, 175, won a closely contested ten rounds bout from Yvon Durelle, Canada, 175½, in which both lads slugged it out the hard way throughout.

Bobby Neill, Paddington, 127, must surely be the most promising featherweight the British Isles have produced in some time. He gave a masterful display to retain his unbeaten certificate and inflict a smashing defeat on Juan Alvarez, Belgium, 128, in the fourth. The referee intervened when Alvarez was in a bad way. . . .

Jimmy Newman, Walthamstown, 147, outpointed Santos Martins, Nigeria, 148¼, over eight rounds. . . . Derry Treanor, Eire, 120½, outpointed Dennis East, Canning Town, 119½, over four rounds. . . . Albert Carroll, Bethnal Green, 147, outpointed Ron Richardson, Canning Town, 144¾, over ten rounds. . . .

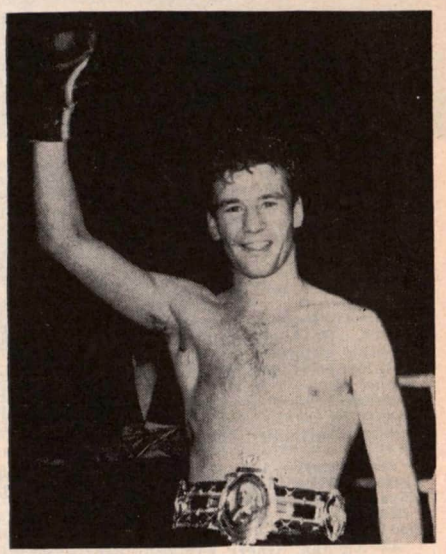
Daves Charnley, Dartford, 136, chopped down Fernand Coppens, Belgium's Lightweight Champion, 136, in the second of a scheduled eight rounder. The referee halted the bout when Coppens was in a bad way. . . . Eddie Wright, Mile End, 175½, outpointed Fred Jackson, Custom House, 175½, over eight rounds.

▶**JERSEY, Channel Islands**—Al Allotey, Gold Coast, 176, and Neville Rowe, Australia, 171, fought hard for eight terrific rounds to a draw. . . . Joe White, Oxford, 147, stopped Derek Davis, Camberwell, 142½, in the fifth. . . . Derek John, Catford, 134½, and Willie Lloyd, Brecon, 139, were matched over eight rounds, but a cut eyebrow halted the bout in Lloyd's favor in the fifth . . . Norman Veron, Guernsey, outpointed Johnny Cheatle, Portsmouth, over six. . . . Johnny Veron, Guernsey, 168, was outpointed by Teddy Thompson, Yeovil, 165, over six. . . .

▶**EAST KIRBY**—Ted Williams, Huddersfield, 174½, stopped Clarke Mellor, New Mills, 173¾, in the seventh of a scheduled eight rounder The end came when Mellor retired with damaged eyebrows. . . . Andrews Marty, Gold Coast, 129¾, and Jeff Walters, Scarborough, 133¾, drew over eight. . . . Ron Bishton, Beeston, 149¼, outpointed John Charles Daventry, 145, over six . . . Barry Adgie, Derby, 110, outpointed Tony Williams, Wellingborough, 110, over six rounds.

▶**BIRMINGHAM**—Once again engaged upon the come-back trail, former World Middleweight Champion Randy Turpin, Leamington, 175½, knocked out Jacques Bro, France, 169½, in the fourth of a scheduled ten rounder. Turpin showed some improvement on his last ring appearance, but will have to meet stronger opposition than Bro could afford before he can again be considered a World threat. . . .

Dai Dower, British and Empire Flyweight Champion, 116½, boxed well to outpoint Stan Sobolek, France, 115½, over ten rounds. The Welshman boxed in his usual immaculate style, but again revealed his lack of punching power. . . . Fenwick Ward, Trinidad, 217¼, outpointed George Nuttall, Stockport, 197½, over eight rounds. . . .



Peter Waterman of London, fighting as a pro since 1952, won the British welterweight crown at Harringay arena when Wally Thom retired in the fifth round due to a cut eye. (In the records it will be listed as a knockout.)

Ken Barley, Birmingham, 145, outpointed Vic Smith, London, 145½, over six. . . . Len Reece, Cardiff, 112, outpointed Eric Brett, Retford, 117, over six. . . . Eddie Bee, Cardiff, 150, knocked out Tommy Ennever, Leamington, 150, in the second. . . . Ronnie Rush, Cardiff, 141, stopped Dave Savva, London, 138¾ in the fifth.

▶**WEMBLEY TOWN HALL**—Barney Beale, Lambeth, 137¼, knocked out Teddy Barker, Swindon, 138¼, in the second session. . . . Freddie Cross, Nuneaton, 151¼, outpointed Derek Liversidge, Retford, 150¼, over six rounds. . . . Tim Giles, Stepney, 151, outpointed Eddie Lennon, Dublin, 161¼, over six rounds. . . . Alf Drew, Hackney, 127¼, outscored Derek John, Catford, 130, over six rounds. . . . George Corcoran, Notting Hill, 159, stopped Malcolm Affleck, Guildford, 161¼, in the fourth . . . Jimmy Norcott, Bethnal Green, 144¾, and George Smith, Peckham, 148¼, drew over six rounds. . . . Derek Saunders, Boreham Wood, 129¼, outpointed Teddy Russell, Poplar, 129, over six rounds.

▶**WEST HARTLEPOOL**—Willie Armstrong, Glasgow, 173, made a winning Light Heavyweight debut when he outpointed Fred Jackson, West Ham, 173½, over eight good rounds. . . . Dick Tiger, Nigeria, 162½, stopped Wally Scott, West Ham, 159½, in the second round. . . . Jim Cresswell, Glasgow, 119½, outpointed Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 125½ over eight rounds. . . . Gerry Bedford, Pontefract, 147, outboxed Gordon Mason, Manchester, 144½, over four rounds. . . . Arthur McGregor, Middlesborough, 127, outpointed Peter Billingham, 126, over four rounds.

▶**NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB** — Jimmy Lynas, Coventry, 159¼, outpointed Peter Longo, Convent Garden, 158¼, over eight rounds. . . . George Roe, Wolverhampton, 161, outscored Gerry McNally, Liverpool, 160¼, over eight rounds. . . . Malcolm McLeod, Coventry, 110, outpointed Terry Jenkins, Newport, 115¼, over six rounds. . . . George Carroll, Covent Garden, 123½, outscored Cliff Giles, Linton, 120¼, over six rounds. . . . Johnny Moss, Notting Hill, 142, stopped Vic Bowyer, Hornchurch, 136¼, in the sixth.

▶**LIVERPOOL STADIUM**—Billy Ellaway, Liverpool, 158¼, outpointed Serge Leveque,

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

To July 23, 1956

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. James J. Parker (C)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Pat McAteer (E)	George Barnes (A)
2. Joe Erskine (W)	Gordon Wallace (C)	Mike Holt (SA)	Hector Constance (T)
3. Johnny Williams (E)	Alex Buxton (E)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Attu Clottey (WA)
4. Joe Bygraves (E)	Arthur Howard (E)	Yama Bahama (B)	Peter Waterman (E)
5. Henry Cooper (E)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Lew Lazar (E)	Benny Nieuwenhuizen (SA)
6. Kitione Lave (To)	Ron Barton (E)	Jimmy Elliott (SA)	Vincent O'Kine (WA)
7. Dick Richardson (W)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	Billy Ellaway (E)	Darby Brown (A)
8. Allan Williams (A)	Albert Finch (E)	Les Allen (E)	Wally Thom (E)
9. Ken Brady (A)	Joveci Bau (F)	Bill McDonnell (A)	Peter King (E)
10. Brian London (E)	Ricardo Marcos (A)	Barry Brown (NZ)	Albert Carroll (E)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Ludwig Lightburn (B)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Kevin James (A)	Dai Dower (W)
2. Richie Howard (C)	Jason Radebe (SA)	Peter Keenan (S)	Jake Tuli (SA)
3. Willie Toweel (SA)	Elijah Makone (SA)	John Smillie (S)	Bindi Jack (A)
4. Johnny v.Rensberg (SA)	Charley Hill (S)	George Dormer (E)	Frank Jones (S)
5. Joe Lucy (E)	Billy Kelly (I)	Jimmy Cardew (E)	Dick Currie (S)
6. Armand Savoie (C)	Jimmy Brown (I)	Graham v.d.Walt (SA)	Pat Supple (C)
7. Dave Charnley (E)	Matt Fulton (S)	Louis Joshua (SA)	Malcolm McLeod (E)
8. Charley Dunn (A)	Bobby Neill (S)	Teddy Rainbow (A)	Jimmy Quinn (S)
9. Colin Clarke (A)	Alby Tissong (SA)	George O'Neill (I)	Young Ado (WA)
10. Boswell St. Louis (T)	Charley Tucker (E)	Jimmy Carson (I)	Dennis Adams (SA)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (B) Barbadoes; (BE) Bermuda; (BG) British Guiana; (BH) British Honduras; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (GC) Gold Coast; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (WA) West Africa.

France, 159¼, over eight rounds. . . . Derek Clarke, Burnley, 136, knocked out Stan Barnett, Newton-le-Willows, 140, in the second round. . . . Ken Lancaster, 152½, and Frankie Webb, Wigan, 147, drew over six gruelling rounds. . . .

Bill Boyd, Birkenhead, 156½, outpointed Denny Morgan, Pontefract, 159, over four rounds. . . . Lew Devro, Liverpool, 110¾, stopped Paddy Walmsley, Preston, 111, in the third. . . . John Charles, Rugby, 151, knocked out Chris Hadley, Preston, 150, in the first round.

▶**BELFAST**—Kurt Ernst, Exeter, 139, lost narrowly on points to Paddy Graham, Belfast, 139, over eight exciting rounds. . . . Billy Skelly, Belfast, 126, stopped Billy Graham, Lisburn, 130, in the fifth. . . . Billy Corbett, Carrickfergus, 151¼, knocked out Jim Townsley, Belfast, 159¼, in the second round. Ivan Orr, Lisburn, 145¼, stopped Charlie Connolly, Belfast, 146, in the second round. . . . Harry Millar, Belfast, 131½, stopped Johnny Blakely, Belfast, 135¼, in the second round.

▶**WEMBLEY TOWN HALL**—Ray Akwei, Gold Coast, 136¼, gained a narrow points decision over Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 137, over the eight rounds course. . . . Andrews Marty, Gold Coast, 127, knocked out Kenny Thomas, Covent Garden, 127, in the third of a scheduled six rounder. . . .

Johnny Lomey, Euston, 138½, stopped Roy Harris, Erith, 139, in the second. . . . Billy Keirnan, Shepherds Bush, 142½, knocked out Joe White, Oxford, 145½, in the third. . . . Billy Collins, Stepney, 159¾, knocked out Vernon Goodman, Poole, 159, in the second. . . . Ray Reeks, Poole, 142, outpointed Jimmy Moss, Notting Hill, 142, over six rounds.

▶**BELFAST**—Ronnie Currie, Belfast, 121½, scored a good points win over Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 124, over eight rounds. . . . Dave Moore, Belfast, 116, and Joe Anderson, Belfast, 113½, put up a good fight for seven rounds until Moore landed with the heavy artillery and knocked his opponent out. . . . Pat Price, Newry, 139½, knocked out Leo McCutcheon, Lisburn, 136½, in the second round. . . . Billy Corbett, Carrickfergus, 147¼, stopped Ivan Orr, Lisburn, 147¼, in the third. . . . Harry Millar, Belfast, 136½, outpointed Jim McFadden, Belfast, 142½, over six.

▶**WEST HARTLEPOOL**—With victory in his grasp, Jack London, West Hartlepool, 172½, was disqualified in the eighth and last round of his contest with Don Sainsbury, Penarth, 170¼. London, boxing well, was ahead on points when the referee ruled him out for an alleged low blow. . . . Ted Williams, Huddersfield, 175¼, knocked out Johnny Smith, Portsmouth, 178, in the sixth. . . . Ronnie Iverson, Gateshead, 178, was knocked out in the second round by Jackie Abbott, Huddersfield, 173. . . . Joe Mallon, Norton, 121, outpointed Gus Williams, West Hartlepool, 116½, over four rounds. . . . Roy Always, Huddersfield, 148, outpointed Jack Vickers, Middlesborough, 147, over four rounds.

▶**WEMBLEY TOWN HALL**—George Corcoran, Notting Hill, 160½, outpointed the more experienced Fred Britton, King's Lynn, 164, over six interesting rounds. . . . Freddie Cross, Nuneaton, 154½, outpointed Tim Giles, Stepney, 152, in six even matched rounds. . . . Derek Liversidge, Retford, 148¼, took a comfortable points win from Vispi Banaji, India, 152, over six. . . . Ebe Mensah, Gold Coast, 136½, stopped Ian Fraser, Askern, 139½, in the second round after Fraser had paid seven trips to the canvas. . . .

Danny Wall, Wembley, 173¼, had little difficulty in stopping Danny Harmston, Smithfield, 189½, in the first of a scheduled six rounder. . . . Dennis Saunders, Boreham Wood, 128, outscored Danny Murphy, Bethnal Green, 126¼, over six rounds. . . . Selwyn Langford, Slough, 117, outpointed Bill Downer, Stoke Newington, 115, over six furious rounds.

▶**LIVERPOOL STADIUM**—Martin Hansen, Liverpool, 162½, former Danish Middleweight Champion and now a British subject, clearly outpointed Kit Pompey, British Guiana, 162½, over eight rounds. . . . George Carroll, Covent Garden, 123, outpointed Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 122, over six. . . . Gerry Bedford, Pontefract, 146, knocked out Malcolm Tiffany, Castleford, 144½, in the second. . . . Jimmy Carroll, Birkenhead, 138, outpointed Jack Hudson, Chesterfield, 136½, over four rounds. . . . Peter Fenwick, Ellesmere Port, 150, knocked out Brian Petherwick, Preston, 146, in the second round.

▶**BELFAST** — Derek Clarke, Manchester, 136½, knocked out Sammy Cowan, Belfast, 140, in the seventh. . . . Billy Corbett, Carrickfergus, 147, and Joe Collins, Lisburn, 147¼, mauled it out for six rounds before Collins was disqualified for persistent holding. . . . Billy Graham, Lisburn, 132¾, stopped Billy Skelly, Belfast, 127¼, in the third. . . . Harry Hunter, Belfast, 123½, outpointed Charlie O'Neill, Belfast, 119¾, over six. . . . Danny Hatton Belfast, 141¼, stopped Jim McFadden, Belfast, 142, in the third session.

▶**WEMBLEY POOL**—After nineteen years professional boxing has returned to Wembley Stadium, but the standard at the opening show was a long way beneath that associated with the magnificent arena.

In the main event, 'Smiling' Sammy McCarthy, Stepney, 134, making an attempt to win the British Lightweight title from the holder, Joe Lucy, Mile End, 134¾, had the smile wiped right off his face and suffered his first inside the distance defeat.

In the opening session Lucy floored McCarthy for a long count and seemed set for an early win, but the Stepney lad fought back well, and the bout deteriorated into a dull affair. Referee I. K. Powell halted the bout in the thirteenth session when McCarthy was too far behind on points to stand a chance.

Joe Bygraves, Birkenhead, 194½, won the vacant British Empire Heavyweight Championship, when he outpointed Kitione Lave, Tonga, 201½, over fifteen rounds.

Bygraves outboxed the heavier Tongan and was well ahead on points at the end.

Henry Cooper, Bellingham, 192¾, stopped Gionnino Luise, Italy, 210, in the seventh of a scheduled ten rounder. The bout was halted when Luise arose from a count with his hands hanging loosely and was obviously in no fit condition to continue.

George Carroll, Covent Garden, 124½, outpointed Terry Toole, Hackney, 122¾, over six. . . . Alf Drew, Hackney, 124¾, outpointed Andrews Marty, Gold Coast, 125¾, over six rounds.

▶**GLASGOW**—Dick Currie, Glasgow, 119, outpointed Roland Roy, France, 114¾, over ten rounds. Currie outboxed, outfought and outpunched the game Frenchman and won by the proverbial mile.

Malcolm Grant, Glasgow, 116¾, won the Scottish Bantamweight championship when he outpointed Chic Brogan, Clydebank, 117, in a hotly disputed twelve rounder.

Matt Fulton, Coatbridge, 128, stopped Jim Fisher, Belfast, 131, in the third of a scheduled eight rounder. Fisher was sent to his corner after taking a long count.

John Wollard, Glasgow, stopped Chris Garvey, Newry, in the second of a scheduled eight rounds middlewtight bout.

Charlie Cosgrove, Belfast, outpointed Danny Harvey, Glasgow, over eight rounds in a welterweight set-to.

▶**WEST HARTLEPOOL**—Scottish Welterweight Champion Jimmy Croll, Dundee, 148½, outpointed Jeff Dudu, Nigeria, 149, in a gruelling eight rounder. . . . Jim McGuiness, Glasgow, 143½, outpointed Gerry Bedford, Pontefract, over six rounds. . . . Ernie Fossey, Islington, 129¾, outpointed David Croll, Dundee, 127, over six rounds. . . . George Mason, Manchester, 151½, outpointed Jock Macauley, Newcastle, 159, over four rounds. . . . Tommy Turner, Manchester, 153, stopptd Denny Morgan, Castleford, 159½, in the second session.

BOXING NEWS FROM ARIZONA

By Al Fenn

CISCO ANDRADE CONTINUED HIS QUEST FOR THE WORLD'S LIGHTWEIGHT CROWN by cutting down game Luke Sandoval in Phoenix, on July 3. Known for classy boxing rather than his punch, Andrade, a natural lightweight, looked like a small Harry Greb as he charged after Sandoval with vicious flurries, finally knocking him out with two right hands, in 1:28 of the third round.

In the prelims, Dave Cochran, 151, San Diego, decisioned Bobcat Terrance Watts, 150, Tucson, in the six round semi.

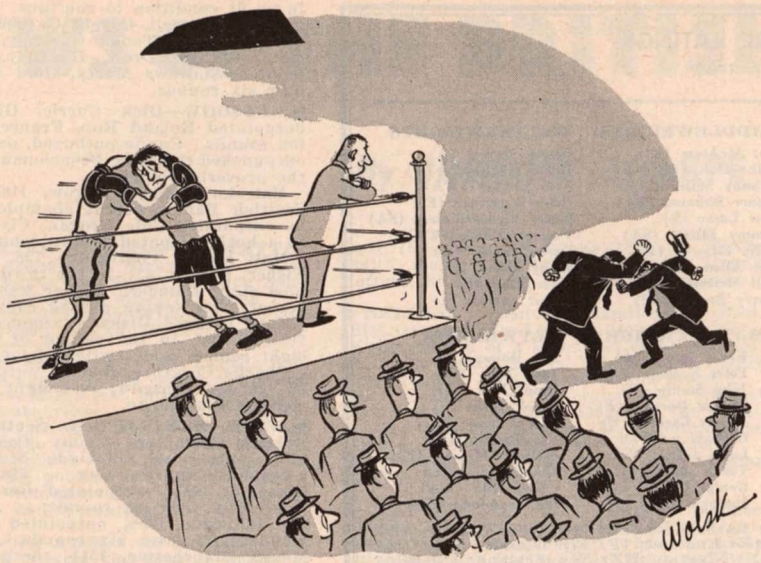
In a six-rounder, Big Boy Holmes, 155, Phoenix, outpointed Tombstone Trejo, 150, Superior. A light heavyweight scrap between Fred Lewis, 170, of Luke A.F.B. and Nat Ish, 170, of Phoenix was declared a no-contest by the Phoenix Athletic Commission, in a new "tough" policy, as Ish failed to put up a worthy fight. Referee Nick Lee stopped the bout in the fifth round of a scheduled sixer.

Home from the service is Charlie Carejo, former 8th Army champ, thrice Arizona Golden Gloves lightweight champion, and finalist in last year's All Army tourney. Carrejo spurned a try for the Olympics, and has decided to become a stablemate of Heavyweight contender Zora Folley, in the professional ranks, managed by Your's Truly.

▶EZZARD CHARLES SHOWED FLASHES OF PAST GREATNESS, AS he pounded out a technical knockout over Bob Albright of Reno, at Phoenix June 19. Charles gradually warmed to his work, opening a cut over Albright's left eye. The Reno kid failed to come out for the seventh, and its just as well, Charles had command all the way. Ring doc Daniel Straub said his vision was impaired and called a halt. It was the same eye opened by Charles Dec. 15 in San Francisco when he won a split decision. Promoter Paul Clinite had a huge turnout for the affair, and plans to have more "name" fighters appear.

In the preliminaries: Tommy Fields, 192, Chicago, ignored Clarence Williams's two-handed pattering, opened up in the fourth and sixth rounds and won a split six-round decision. In four rounders, former Golden Gloves champ Fred Lewis, 166, Phoenix, won his first pro fight with a KO in 1:38 of the second, over Gunner Gaffney, 176, Phoenix. Joe Moran's Nathan Ish, also a former Golden Gloves champ, weighing 165, Phoenix, split decisioned Turkey Thomas, 167, Luke AFB, and Timothy Lee, 132, Tucson, dec. Beacher Todd, 133, Tucson.

▶TUCSON HAD ANOTHER GOOD SHOW under promoter Johnny Gray, June 18. Rudy Garcia, 128, Los Angeles, came on to gain a TKO over Collier Cox, 127, Phoenix, in the eighth round of a scheduled ten rounder. In the six-round semi, Kid Zacatecas, 155, Mexico City, dec. Bobcat Terrance, 154, Los Angeles. In four rounders, Turkey Thomas, 165, Phoenix, TKOed Kid Montijo, 170, Tombstone, in three; Clifford Gray, 190, Los Angeles, knocked out Regi Moore, 188, Phoenix, in two; and Timothy Lee, 135, Tucson, TKOed Bobby Ross of Phoenix in three.



LOUISVILLE BOXING NEWS
By Joe Martin

THE CENTRAL OLYMPIC BOXING TRIALS WERE AWARDED to Louisville. The Central Regional embraces the states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. The ten winners here will compete in the final Olympic trials in San Francisco on October 17, 18, and 19.

The tournament has been underwritten to the extent of $5,000 by the two directors of Sports Enterprises, Frank Cahill, Jr. and George Happell, president of the Cardinal Sports Club.

This will guarantee the expense of sending the ten champions determined here, a coach, and a trainer to the finals at San Francisco. The net gate receipts will go to the Olympic fund.

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SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
By Eric Moolman

AT SALISBURY, SOUTHERN RHODESIA, JIMMY ELLIOTT, former South African middleweight champion, outpointed the former European champion, Tiberio Mitri, of Italy over ten rounds of hard fighting. Elliott gained a narrow victory.

This was an important victory for the South African who has now challenged Pat McAteer, of Britain, for his Empire Middleweight title.

Willie Toweel avenged an earlier defeat when he clearly outpointed Johnny "Smiler" van Rensburg over 15 rounds at the Olympia Ice Rink, Johannesburg. Toweel laid claim to the British Empire Lightweight title as well as the national lightweight title.

After the fight Willie Toweel was presented with the William Corner Memorial Belt, which is presented to all South African boxers who win Empire titles.

▶In a result which was omitted last month, Willie Toweel TKO'd Tienie Pretorius in the final round of an eight round bout at Luanshya, Northern Rhodesia.

▶Louis Joshua retained his non-European bantamweight title when he KO'd Rooney Makhene, the challenger in the last round of a hectic fight in Durban.

▶Jason Radebe, South African non-European lightweight champion, scored a quick win over Baby Jake in a non-title bout in Johannesburg. The referee stopped the fight in the second round when Jake received a bad cut over his eye.

▶At Cape Town Jason Radebe retained his lightweight title when he beat "Sailor" Leopard Mlambo on a TKO in the third round.

A bantamweight eliminating bout ended abruptly when Sugar Makalolo, who had his left eye closed in the opening round, was disqualified for a low blow in the 5th round against Peter Samuels.

Julius Caesar, the Cape Province middleweight champion, gained an easy win over Paul Madondo, of the Transvaal, whose seconds threw in the towel.

▶Elijah Mokone, the South African non-European featherweight titleholder, beat Tiger Ray Mkonza on points in an excellent fight over ten rounds at the Indian Sports Ground, Johannesburg.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

FOR JOHN L. SULLIVAN, PRESTON, ENGLAND MIDDLEWEIGHT, Syracuse has been an unlucky town. John L. just cannot seem to win here. The rugged, aggressive Preston battler did all the forcing in his sparkling 10-round battle with Buffalo's contender, Joey Giambra, in War Memorial Auditorium, but the classy Bison City boxer walked off with the verdict. Close followers of boxing pointed out Giambra blocked and "rode" most of Sully's heavy blows. That was until the tenth and final frame when the handsome Joey threw caution to the winds and attempted to slug with the invader from over the Big Pond. That was Sullivan's dish. John L. landed hard and often, but he needed more than the brief flurry he produced in this frame to win for him. Giambra had piled up points consistently in the early rounds by counter punching Sullivan's heavy leads. It was a grand battle to watch, one that pleased every one of the 1,528 fans who paid $4,647.75 gross, to see it. Sullivan made the fight, like he does every time he goes to the post. He is an all-around top flight ringman and there were some who thought John had won.

The voting of the officials was: Referee Joe Palmer saw it 5-4-1 for Giambra, Judge Dick Albino, Giambra 6-3-1 even; Judge Paul Cummins, Giambra 5, Sullivan 4, 1 even.

In a slashing 8-round semi-final, capable Jimmy Watkins, 149, Buffalo, outpointed Juan Tejada, stocky Spanish slugger from Oneida. The pair were meeting for the second time this year. In the first go Tejada won. Watkins' good solid punching and sharp boxing got him the victory. Cuts over both Juan's eyes hampered him no end. In a four rounder, Eddie Reynolds, 146, Syracuse, outslammed Mike Pinelli, 146, Buffalo.

Henry Jordan, journeyman pugilist out of New York, scaling 155, won the decision over Leo Owens, Syracuse, 159. Jordan had too much experience for Leo.

Big Frank Moracco, 176, Syracuse, knocked out Al Johnston, 178, Easton, Pa., in 56 seconds of the third round. Young Sam Jackson, 146, Buffalo, took the duke over Bobby Willis, 148, Syracuse, in a fast four.

▶LEFT-HOOKS: Freddie Lundy, Jr., who operates Hockey's Inn in West Genesee St., shows movies of Famous Fights each week at his popular hideway, packing the fans in . . . Freddie is the first to start this type of entertainment as a weekly event . . . Ex-champ Carmen Basilio will train at Alexandra Bay in the Thousand Island region for his forthcoming return title bout with Champ Johnny Saxton . . . Pat Manzi looks better than ever in his drills at the Main Street gym . . . Irv Robbins has George Kartalian in excellent trim and booked for a Chicago bout . . . George scored his second win over Bob Biehler the Rochester strong boy in the Garden, recently . . . Joey DeJohn is on the coast with Jackie Brady . . . The latter, who fought them all, is conditioning movie stars, at his Beverly Hills gym . . . Syracuse's hottest fan, Joe Bassney, operates the Top-Hat Grill here . . . Joe Netro, Johnny DeJohn and Ralph DeJohn, have been approached regarding a magazine series: "The DeJohn Story" . . . There were 10 children in the DeJohn family, 8 of them boys, and all 8 could fight . . . Father Mike was right there with the mitts too . . . Joe never had a fight, has always been a manager and has been connected with the DeJohn's ever since the first one to enter the ring, Ralph, made his bow . . .

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

BOSTON—FENWAY PARK—TONY DEMARCO OF BOSTON, ANXIOUS TO EARN another crack at the welterweight title he held, battered out a convincing ten round decision over Vince Martinez of Paterson, N. J. DeMarco nine inches shorter, stalked his man for the entire distance. Martinez' superior boxing was in evidence for three rounds. In the fourth he rattled a right off DeMarco's chin. From that point on little Tony waded in and fired punches to head and to body. Martinez was wobbled by punches in the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and tenth rounds. There were no knockdowns. Both weighed 146¾ pounds.

Barry Allison, 151, Springfield, successfully defended his New England middleweight title by stopping veteran Don Williams, 154, Worcester, at the two minute mark of the fifth round. Williams had suffered a severe eye cut that prompted Referee Johnny Norton to halt the bout. Allison had been cut in the third round but his cut did not hamper his vision. He had an edge in the completed rounds.

Bobby Courchesne, 132½, Holyoke, annexed the New England lightweight title by punching out a one-sided ten round decision over Curley Monroe, 135, Worcester. Monroe had weighed in 1½ pounds over the weight limit and had to work it off in the afternoon. Courchesne punched sharply and kept the pressure on the fading champ.

In the ten round opener, Eddie Andrews, 155, Lowell, youngest of several fighting brothers, battled to a draw with George (Kid) Chimenti, 153, Omaha, Nebr., and New York. Andrews fought his usual aggressive bout against a ring-wise journeyman.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lewis Eskin

RAMBLING AROUND—WITH THE HELP OF WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS, big tickets sellers, boxing got back on it's feet in Jersey during the past month. An all-star amateur show for the benefit of the Asbury Park Boys' Club, staged in the Convention Hall, drew over 1,500 fans who saw a fine action-packed nine bout card. Bob Morgan, 122 pounder from Paterson won the Phil Kaufki Memorial Trophy as the outstanding fighter of the night. In the featured bout Marty Kaplan of Plainfield defeated Chuck Martinez of Halderon. Chuck is the younger brother of Vince. Phil Lehrer who handled the show for the Boys' club did a fine job.

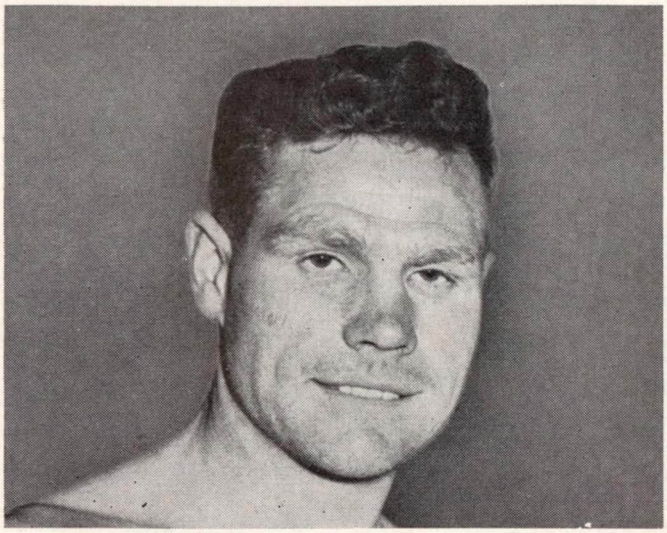
▶Paterson Armory—Tim Jones, 163, Plainfield, showed marked improvement over his past showing as he won a one-sided eight round decision over Mickey McGrath, 166, Greenwich, Conn. Tim was credited with six rounds. In the co-featured eight, Billy Lepido, 149, Bronx, pounded his way to a kayo win over Bernie Lynn, 146½, Jamaica, L. I., in 1:40 of the fifth round. Ray Apollo, 151, Clifton, stopped Tony Cambria, 150, Reading, Pa. Tony failed to come out for the fourth round.

Stefan Redl, 146½, Passaic, outclassed Rocky Montell, 145, Atlantic City and halted him in 1:20 of the third. Redl looks like a fine prospect. Bobby Klier, 159, Paterson, outscored Joe Frye, 156¼, New Brunswick, 4; and Jesse James, 174¼, Plainfield, halted Bob Herring, 178, West Milford, 1:35 of the second. Jackie Castellani, 140, Newark, decisioned Pedro Franqui, 139, Puerto Rico, a crowd of 1,600 fans paid $4,100.

▶Laurel Garden, Newark. The first pro boxing show in over two years drew a crowd of better then 2,000 fans paying $4,457 and they were rewarded with a good show. In the main bout, Bob Provizzi, 158, Freeland, Pa., and Curtis Bruce, 157½, Newark went ten fast rounds to a draw. Referee Paul Cavalier scored it 4-4-2.

In the semi-final six, Bruce Damphier, 163½, Lyndhurst, scored an easy win over Newark's Monroe Kurtz, 157. Kurtz, recently returned from service, has failed to show the ability he possessed before going into the Army. Eddie Armstrong, 142, Elizabeth, was much too busy for Johnny Singh Lee, 148, Eatontown in six.

In the fours: Jimmy McGinnis, 136, Newark defeated Jay Roach, 136, St. Albans, L. I.; Grant Campbell, 138, Bronx kayoed Armand Bush, 138, Brooklyn in 2:15, 2 and Chuck Welton, 187, Newark halted Don Jackson, 187, N. Y. C. in 1:55 of the 2nd.



Wally Thom, ex-welterweight champ, joins Cockell in retirement following a broken hand.

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Turpin stopped him in eleven rounds. Cockell took a long rest, the flesh piled on and he was scoffed at when he returned to the ring close on 15 stone.

Despite the jeers, he eliminated all the opposition, and then fought with determination to take the heavyweight title from Johnny Williams. He beat the Americans Roland La Starza and Harry Matthews (three times), and so to his match with Rocky Marciano. Cockell did us proud that night although he had little chance. I don't think he could have beaten Marciano who was never defeated in the whole of his professional career, but I am sure the Cockell who had trounced Harry Matthews would have made Marciano fight even harder. It was his long absence from action which reduced the British champion to a stale, slow-moving fighter with only courage left. I have said so often in this column, the greatest enemy of all fighters is ring-rust. Cockell had collected plenty while waiting for the Marciano chance.

I wish Don good luck in his retirement. If more of our champions possessed his outlook we would not be without a world title-holder. Many British boxers who have possessed more natural ability and carried a far bigger punch have lacked the Cockell will-to-win, and there has never been an outstanding champion without this quality. Well done, Don Cockell. You did a good job for British boxing.

Just how much Cockell had slipped back when Kitione Lave was able to flatten him in two rounds was made clear at Wembley when Joe Bygraves, the Jamaican-born heavyweight now living at Birkenhead, was able to outpoint the tough Tongan over fifteen rounds to win the British Empire championship which the Boxing Board had declared vacant following Cockell's knockout defeat at the hands of Lave.

Bygraves showed that the Tongan possesses little other than a short sharp swing, Lave did land this blow once when he dropped Bygraves early in the fight, but after this the Jamaican, the better boxer, was able to outmanouevre Lave and prove that he wasn't the terror he had appeared to be against Cockell. Bygraves shook Lave with body blows, and it was clear to the experts that the Cockell of a couple of years earlier would have handled Lave.

However, Bygraves and Lave put on a bout which may not have been a classic, but was good value for those who appreciate courage and ruggedness.

Joe Lucy, now "Mine Host" of the Thomas A'Beckett public house in the Old Kent Road, made sure of winning the Lonsdale Belt outright when he easily beat Sammy McCarthy in fourteen rounds to retain his British lightweight title.

Lucy has been a much improved fighter of late. He has impressed since his quick knockout win over Gordon Goodman in the championship eliminator. He revealed his punch again when regaining the lightweight crown from Frank Johnson at Manchester, and also against McCarthy when he put Sammy down in the first round.

The old Lucy was a hit-and-run merchant, and never a crowd-pleaser, but he showed above average ability when outclassing McCarthy. The crowd gave the slow-handclap in several rounds but this wasn't a reflection on Lucy. The bout had becomes so one-sided that it was monotonous to watch Lucy stabbing McCarthy with straight rights whenever he cared.

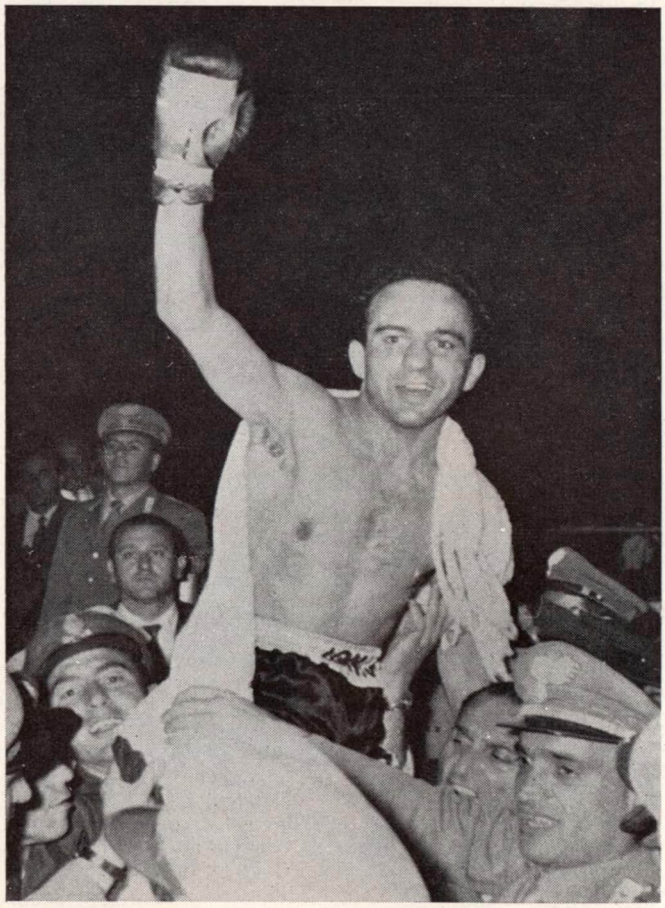
McCarthy, that likeable smiling boy, showed his old courage, but, as I have pointed out so often before, he has no defence, and he took all Lucy's best blows with his face. Sammy kept going in taking four or five punches in an attempt to land one. I don't like to see a game little fighter doing this, and I hope McCarthy will not persist too long in the fight game. He is not as good a fighter as a couple of years ago, and I am sure a suspect right hand has caused several of his defeats.

The boy who will extend Lucy is the hard-hitting Dave Charnley, from Dartford. He has already beaten McCarthy, and would, I feel sure, give Lucy a great bout for the title. Of course, both are southpaws, and there is a saying that two men who stand right foot forward do not produce a good fight. Maybe, but this is one southpaw championship that must take place.

Wally Thom, the former British, Empire and European welterweight, like Don Cockell has decided to call it a day. Wally lost his British crown to Peter Waterman, of Clapham, when the referee stopped the fight because of a badly split eye-brow. Those protruding brows of copper-haired Wally lost him a large number of fights, often at a time when he was in a winning position. It was anybody's fight when he fought Waterman. Both boxers had each other in difficulty, and were both fighting well when Wally's old eye-trouble cropped up with the inevitable result.

Yet Wally is retiring not because of these suspect eye-brows but because of a broken hand. He had the fracture some time ago, and made his first appearance after a long lay-off against Waterman, but the hand again went, and sensibily he decided to call it a day.

Thom has been a workman-like champion. Without those eye injuries he may have become one of our most successful title-holders. He won the championship from Eddie Thomas, lost it to Cliff Curvis, and regained the crown beating Peter Fallon after Curvis's retirement. He has always kept a level head and also retained his job outside of boxing. He did not make a fortune from the ring, but he has looked after his cash, and has a nice home in Cheshire. Good luck to Wally Thom.



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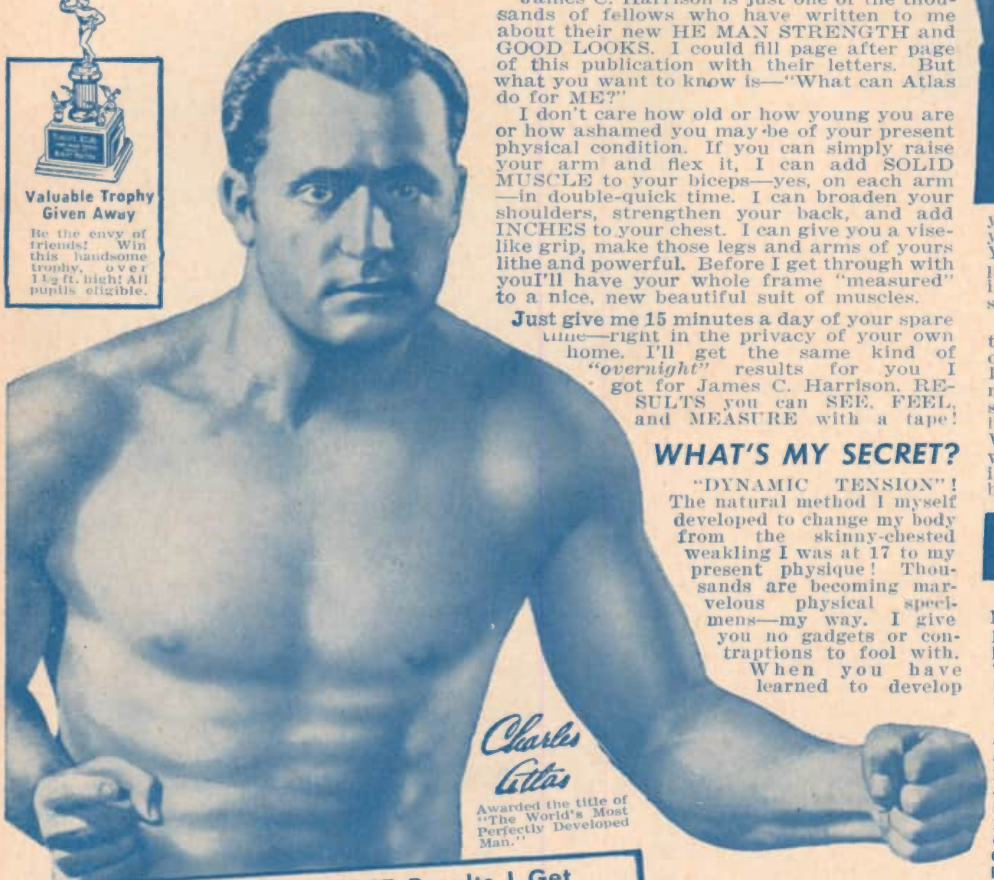

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